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Report to Congress urges merger of religious affairs and chaplaincy

TORONTO-

A merger of the religious affairs and chaplaincy departments of the Central Region, Canadian Jewish Congress, is the key recommendation in a report on chaplaincy services issued by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto.

Result of such a merger would be a more comprehensive and full time chaplaincy service to people in hospitals, jails and other institutions, and to the non-institutionalized elderly.

Phil Granovsky, president of the UJWF, and David Satok, chairman of the CJC, Central Region, said their respective organizations have accepted the recommendations of the report.

Sydney M. Harris, chairman of the chaplaincy services study committee, which prepared the report, expressed the hope that the new department will be operative by the fall.

The proposal to merge religious affairs and chaplaincy calls for the appointment of a co-ordinator of the department plus a full-time rabbi-chaplain. The co-ordinator would be in contact with institutionalized individuals and their families throughout Ontario as well as with leaders in the smaller communities, in order to arrange to meet their ongoing requirements for spiritual programs or services.

The rabbi-chairman would provide his specific services directly and through part-time volunteer rabbis and lay chaplaincy aides. All would be part of a co-ordinated team representative of the various Jewish social agencies which would offer a combination of such services as legal and medical treatment, psychiatric or social services help.

The setup of the new department would approach more closely the criteria for recognition by government agencies for dealing with a central religious office and, according to the report, further public funding possibilities might be enhanced. At present, chaplaincy services are paid for on a per diem basis by government agencies.

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This poster depicting a boy crucified on a rugged, wooden Star of David under the word "Palestine" appeared on Ottawa construction hoardings and telephone poles recently. An Arab League spokesman in Ottawa said posters had been issued by "some Palestinian organization." Hundreds of these posters were plastered up.

Drive approved for Y expansion; $6.5 million goal

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO-

After nine months of discussion, the United Jewish Welfare Fund has approved a community - wide, fund - raising drive by the Toronto YMHA to raise $6.5 million for completion of their Northern building expansion project.

The drive will get underway July 1 and will continue until Nov. 30. The 'Y' has already raised $2.5 million towards its objective.

The UJWF has to approve all fund-raising drives by its various agencies. It has to judge whether the capital campaign is worthwhile and approve the mechanics of the drive.

In an interview with **The Canadian Jewish News**, 'Y' Executive Director David Andrews said the groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion will probably take place at the end of this year, but delays have been caused by sky rocketing costs.

Of the $6.5 million, Andrews said $5.5 is for actual construction and $1 million will go towards a program development fund which when invested will yield annual interest to underwrite program subsidies and new activities.

'Y' Vice-President Wilfred Posluns will be campaign chairman. He will also chair the special gifts division, ($25,000 and over).

Alex G. Fisher will head the general solicitation division ($5,000 to $24,000) and 'Y' President John Wahl will spearhead the YMHA membership division. The chairman of the division on corporations and foundations will be announced shortly.

A decision about the future of the original 'Y' on Bloor Street has been again postponed. There has been sharp division among 'Y' leaders on whether to retain the building.

Said Andrews: "We have worked out a formula whereby when the Bathurst 'Y' expansion is completed and the facilities are being used, the 'Y' and the UJWF will make a study of the future disposition of the Bloor building."

Wilfred Posluns

UJA campaign nets $8.6 million for best showing since 1967 war

By ROCHELLE CARR
TORONTO-

With the exception of the 1967 emergency fund, the Toronto Jewish community has raised more money than it ever has before for the United Jewish Appeal.

This year's total will reach $8.6 million as compared with last year's total of $7.85 million. The original 1973 campaign target was $10.5 million.

This information was given by Al Green, this year's campaign chairman, at an evening honoring UJA staff and volunteers held at Temple Sinai this week.

Green noted that the campaign year got off to a good start with a mission to Israel which was shortly followed by a visit to Toronto by Yigal Allon, Israel's deputy prime minister. As a result of these two events, the campaign began with more than $1 million.

The most notable increase in the campaign was in the women's division, under the leadership of Helen Gross. (Her husband, Mark Gross, was given an award "in appreciation of his patience as husband of the women's division chairman.") Green stated that the women raised more than $500,000, an increase of 18 per cent over last year.

In his speech to 400 persons, Green said "because of our very affluence, we seem to lose sight of our Jewish brethren throughout the world.

"Most of us are a little too old to put on uniforms and we're not ready to emigrate but we can help through the UJA...I appeal to all our workers 'Don't quit. Come back next year.' "

Some others honored for their efforts were: Sam Shapero of Temple Sinai. He was named man of the year for his devoted canvassing efforts. Izy Stern was recognized for his work as chairman of synagogues and organizations; Lew Moses for his work as chairman of the business and professions division; Gordon Mendly for heading the organizations division; and Gerry Halbert who held the chairmanship of the campaign planning committee.

In addition, the Izy Stern Synagogue of the Year Award was presented to the Beth Jacob Anshei Driltz Synagogue.

Awarded a reproduction of **The Canadian Jewish News** front page of June 1 were first place finishers of the walkathon, Allan Davis, 17, and Ted Winick, 28.

Rabbinical body wants out of court settlement of Beth Tzedec dispute

TORONTO-

A new development which may lead to an out-of-court settlement of Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg's $2.5 million lawsuit against Beth Tzedec Congregation and its executive officers, was made known at a membership meeting Monday night.

President Dr. Fred Weinberg, one of those named in the writ issued on behalf of the rabbi, refused all comment when approached by a CJN reporter. But from other sources it was learned that the Joint Placement Commission of the Rabbinical Assembly in New York had called upon both parties to the pending civil action to submit their differences to binding arbitration or any other mutually acceptable procedure leading to an out-of-court settlement.

A July 15 deadline for compliance by both parties has been given by the commission which represents the three arms of the Conservative movement in North America; the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogues of America.

Failure to comply with the directive of the commission would invite disciplinary measures, the 600 members at the congregational meeting were told. What these measures are was not spelled out.

According to one informant who asked that his name not be used, the board of governors has already complied with the directive in support of its long-held position that the dispute should be dealt with by a beth din or some other mutually agreed upon method. The decision of the Joint Placement Commission to intervene is a reversal of its previous hands-off position.

Election of what was called "A New Board for a New Era," took place in late October last year. Rabbi Rosenberg's dismissal came Jan. 11 of this year.

The rabbi then brought suit against the congregation and its officers, alleging in a lengthy statement of claim that he had been wrongfully and arbitrarily dismissed without notice; that his dismissal was contrary to Jewish tradition and custom, and that the defendants had wrongfully conspired to harass, embarrass and defame him with the purpose of forcing him out of the pulpit.

Shortly after his dismissal, Rabbi Rosenberg left for a previously-arranged six-months' sabbatical in Israel. He returned this spring to confer with his lawyers and then left again for Israel. It is believed he plans to spend the summer at his summer home near Maple.

The congregational meeting was in two parts; the first being a continuation of an adjourned general meeting called to discuss the role of women in the synagogue. The second phase was petitioned for by pro-Rosenberg supporters who submitted six questions, most of them having to do with the Rosenberg case. According to one source, these questions had already been dealt with at the special general meeting some weeks ago.

It is unlikely that any steps will be taken soon to fill the Beth Tzedec pulpit with a successor to the dismissed rabbi. Settlement of the dispute would clear the way for the Rabbinical Assembly to permit potential candidates to be approached.

Quebec reform

Patients given opportunity to vote for hospital boards

By DAVID GERSOVITZ
MONTREAL-

Often accused of lagging behind the rest of Canada in the field of health care, Quebec moved towards medical reform recently when the patients of all hospitals in the province elected their own representatives to the boards of administration of the various institutions.

Called "the users," these representatives are designed to give those who receive medical care in the hospitals a say in how their institution is run.

By law, the patients were asked to vote for two representatives, who will have full voting power on their respective boards.

At Quebec's Jewish institutions, the elections were generally won by acclamation. At the Jewish General Hospital, Myer Pollack and Michael Greenblatt were appointed without opposition. At the Jewish Convalescent Hospital, Ben Chazanosf and Gary Markowitz were acclaimed as were Rabbi Israel Hausman and Ben Cobrin at the Maimonides Hospital and Home for the Aged.

At the Jewish Hospital of Hope, however, opposition was supplied by two hospital orderlies, but patients' candidates Maurice Borts and Hyman Marcus emerged victorious.

A special dispensation was made in the case of Maimonides to compensate for the fact that most of the patients are incapable of holding down such positions. The rules were bent to allow two people, not patients but persons with friends or relatives in the institution, to run in lieu of candidates from among the patients.

Noted Rabbi Hausman, one of the two representatives acclaimed at Maimonides, "most of the patients at Maimonides are too infirm to hold down this post."

The rabbi, who has run a program for the last few years working with patients who have suffered substantial brain damage, noted that while Maimonides was viewed by the Quebec government as "the model" for hospitals of that type, he felt there were several goals the institution could strive for, not the least of which is expansion.

Adding that he wanted "to get my feet in first" before promoting any other specific policies, Rabbi Hausman said, "you get out of a job like this what you put into it, and I hope I'll be able to contribute a lot."

At most non-Jewish hospitals, the Confederation of National Trade Unions put up candidates who met with little success. Among the Jewish hospitals though, CNTU candidates surfaced only at the Hospital of Hope, where they were defeated.

Israel to oppose E. German entry

JERUSALEM (JCNS)-

Israel will definitely vote against the entry of East German into the United Nations when the proposal for readmission of the two Germanies to the world body takes place later this year.

Israel's intention was conveyed to Chancellor Brandt during his visit by the foreign minister, Abba Eban. A top Israeli official said that Israel felt an obligation to convey the position to the chancellor since the vote on the admission of the two states was linked, but he continued tongue in cheek: "It is hardly likely the Israeli bloc at the UN will influence the outcome."

However, a negative vote will be registered for its moral and historical effect. "East Germany does not deserve the privilege of a unanimous election into the world body until and as long as it ignores the justified claims of victims of Nazism and ends the wildly unbalanced policy towards Israel."

The East German regime has never related Israeli claims to reparations along the line agreed upon with West Germany. When the original claims were submitted Israel demanded $500 million from the Pankow government against the $1,000 million demanded from Bonn.

With growing international recognition of East Germany, Eban renewed demands in the Knesset earlier this year though no mention was made for a specific sum.

Association urged to assist non-Jews in Great Britain

LONDON (JCNS)-

The Anglo-Jewish Association should extend its educational activities to non-Jews and particularly help the people of the Third World, Lord Burntwood (the former Julian Snow, A Labor MP) told the association's annual meeting in the House of Commons.

The energy and the ability of the Jewish people should be put increasingly at the disposal of non-Jews who need such assistance, Lord Burntwood said. In its activities concerning Israel, the AJA should "spread the idea that peace must be secured by concessions."

Lord Burntwood, a member of the national council of the Labour Friends of Israel, said: "If Israelis have a clear vision of peace they will not find it difficult to work backwards from the ultimate aims to the methods by which they can be achieved."

Israel, Lord Burntwood said, should try and strike a better balance in the social composition of its population. "I see in Israel a slight danger of the preponderance of intellectuals and a need of manual workers which cannot be met by the oriental section of the population."

In his presidential address Victor Lucas described the past year as one of "consolidation." Lucas said that the Anglo-Jewish community, which played a vital and effective part in service to Jewry throughout the world, derived its strength "from the independence of its national institutions.

"When as a community we consider schemes and ideas for furthering external involvement we must be ever watchful that the influence established during the last 200 years and more, to safeguard our religious and secular needs at home, is never placed in jeopardy," Lucas stated.

The burning question

Where will money come from to meet education needs?

Mrs. Patricia Rucker, this newspaper's special writer on Jewish education issues, spent several months researching material for this important series of articles, the third of which appears below. The course of Jewish education in Toronto is expected to undergo significant changes, as a result of the findings of the Toronto Study Group on Jewish Education.

By PATRICIA RUCKER
(Third in a series)

Toronto's Jewish schools need money, now more than ever before. In the words of Mel Finkelstein, chairman of the task force on financing of the United Jewish Welfare Fund's Study Committee on Education, they are and have been operating in a state of "ongoing crisis." How to ease the crisis without taking support away from other community needs is one of the most difficult questions which the committee must answer.

Unlike public schools, the Jewish schools have always had tight budgets. And just like everyone else, they are being hurt by inflation. But now they must cope with two new pressures--the shift of a significant number of students from evening to day schools and the need for higher teacher salaries.

Day schools need teachers for secular as well as Jewish subjects; they need labs and gyms and cafeterias; they would like music rooms, audio-visual equipment, and even shops (not every Jewish child is going to be a doctor).

And, as Finkelstein points out, "There is an increasing recognition the teachers" (he includes all educational staff) "should not be the section of the community that subsidizes the schools" through low salaries.

Because of these pressures, he foresees, if present trends continue and no new programs are added, nothing less than a 60 per cent increase in operating costs over the next five years.

Where will the money come from? At present, parents provide two-thirds of the total operating costs of all schools through tuition fees. Community support, through the Welfare Fund, accounts for another 30 per cent of the Toronto community's total education bill, but this goes only to subsidize day and evening schools. (Congregational schools receive what is in effect some community support through membership dues.) Private fund raising accounts for the remaining five per cent. The picture for capital costs (building funds) is somewhat different, since the bulk of these funds is raised by private campaigns.

Obviously, either the parents or the community--or both--are going to have to pay more for Jewish education in the next few years just to keep the schools running. Finkelstein's task force has the unenviable responsibility of figuring out how they can.

They are in the process of working out an interim report and Finkelstein would not be specific about the contents. However, he was willing to describe one of the approaches they have taken in looking at the two major sources of funds--an approach which at present is merely a hypothetical solution, but an imaginative and practical one.

First, the parents. Finkelstein had some harsh words for the present system, in which each school sets its own fees, usually on a sliding scale tied to income, and then hears appeals from parents who find the fees too high.

First of all, no school presently charges anyone the full cost of educating a child, which can run as high as $40 an hour in a day high school. Thus, he points out, "those parents who are able to afford to pay aren't even being asked. This puts the burden back on the community to make up the difference."

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Mel Finkelstein

WORLD NEWS

Two million ex-Nazi members living in East Germany, magazine reports

MUNICH (JCNS)–
About two million former Nazi Party members are still living in Communist East Germany, according to the Munich illustrated weekly magazine **Quick**.

In the first of a series of articles, the magazine pointed out last week that Josef Streit, the East German attorney-general, had denied in 1965 that active former Nazis occupied positions in the country's armed forces, the judiciary, education or other public services.

In fact, the magazine said, more than 1,000 former Nazi sympathizers, including former SS men, scientists, authors and journalists, were filling public offices in East Germany.

The magazine named eight former Nazis as members of the East German Socialist Unity Party's central committee. They were Manfred Ewald, Heinz Matthes, Erich Ruebensam, Berhard Seeger, Otfried Steger, Elisabeth Walther, Herbert Weiz and Werner Wittig.

Four more former Nazis--Wolfgang Biermann, Helmut Sakowski, Gerhard Wolfram and Arnold Zimmermann--were said to be candidates for the central committee.

Quick also reported that three former Nazis--Heinrich Homann, Willi Grandetzka and Heinz Eichler--were members of the state council.

Other prominent members of the administration named as former Nazis were Curt-Heinz Merkel, minister of commerce; Fritz Koch and Horst Scholtz, deputy ministers of state; Kurt Blecha, the head of the press office of the council of ministers; and Hermann Kleyer, a high-ranking Communist official.

Members of the foreign ministry named was Siegfried Bock, a leading official; Kurt Nier, head of the north Europe department; Hans-Juergen Weitz, ambassador to Iraq; Karl-Heinz Zirpel, head of the trade mission in Egypt; Lothar Rathmann, former first secretary in the Cairo embassy; and Gerhard Krausse, ambassador to Chad.

Other ex-Nazis named as present or former ministers of state were Hans Reichelt, Hans Fuelle, Karl-Heinz Roesinger, Werner Cziommer, Rudolf Eichhorn and Hans Bentzin.

Quick said that Ernst Grossmann, a former Nazi concentration camp guard, had been a member of the Socialist Unity Party's central committee some years ago.

Dr. Lauritz Lauritzen, the 64-year-old West German minister of transport, who heads the Social Democratic Party in the North German State of Schleswig-Holstein, has admitted that he was a member of the SA, the Nazi "stormtroop" organization between 1934 and 1938.

But in reply to the attacks by Christian Democratic Party members in the state parliament, Dr. Lauritzen, who joined the Social Democratic Party in 1929, pointed out that he was a law student in the early years of the Nazi regime and that he could not have finished his university training if he had not joined a Nazi organization.

Citizenship cancellation retained

NEW YORK (JCNS)–
A U.S. Court of Appeals has upheld a lower court decision that stripped a former Nazi concentration camp guard, accused of atrocities, of her American citizenship. The former guard, Mrs. Hermione Braunsteiner Ryan, has been accused by the West German authorities of having selected more than 1,000 Jews for the gas chamber.

Jewish witnesses during hearings here testified she had mercilessly beaten Jews, including children. The Court of Appeals decision now clears the way for extradition to West Germany to face charges of murdering prisoners.

Mrs. Ryan had sought to reverse a Federal Court decision that cancelled her citizenship because she had failed to report an earlier conviction in Austria for torturing concentration camp victims.

As a U.S. citizen she would not have been subject to extradition. She entered the U.S. in 1959 and in 1963 married an American, Russell Ryan, who had met her during a holiday in Bavaria.

Members of a right wing youth movement wait for West German Chancellor Willy Brandt to pass along the route to Jerusalem. They were demonstrating against the German people and remembering the six million. (IPPA)

Visit eases fear Bonn playing down special relations with Israel: Brandt

BONN (JTA)–
Chancellor Willy Brandt believes that his visit to Israel has allayed fears in that country that West Germany was playing down the special character of its relations with the Jewish state.

In an interview published in **Deutschland Bericht**, Brandt said the Israeli leaders he talked to had understood the value of "normal relations" with West Germany in the best sense. Brandt said that a settlement of the Middle East conflict could be reached only by the parties directly concerned. He said that West Germany could help only by objectively passing on information and ideas. He said that German investments in Israel and relations with the European Common Market were the most important subjects he discussed with Israeli Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

"It is obvious that Israel, the same as other countries, should not suffer any disadvantage from an expansion of the Common Market," Brandt said. He said Israel's citrus trade on the British market had to be taken into account, but he thought practical solutions were possible.

Brandt said he had spoken to Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Dayan mainly about Arab refugee problems and Arabs in the occupied areas. He recalled that Bonn has often promised aid to solve these problems once a settlement is reached.

West German newspapers continued to stress the nature of Bonn-Israel relations as reflected in Chancellor Brandt's visit. Writing in **Die Welt**, Georg Schroeder said "one hesitates to describe Brandt's Israel visit as a complete success. It was anything but a normal state visit in view of German - Jewish relations, where morality has precedence over raison d'etat."

The writer recalled Premier Golda Meir's words: "We must look to the future in full historical responsibility without visiting the sins of the fathers on the children." Brandt, the paper said, was able to describe his visit as "an element of finding peace with ourselves."

on the wire

Meir will stay as party leader

TEL AVIV–
Ending months of speculation, Premier Golda Meir announed this week she will run for re-election in October. The 75-year-old grandmother said she decided to lead her Labor Party's election list after failure in her attempts to persuade the party to find another candidate.

Leading Labor's election list, the party is practically assured of retaining its 25-year-old control of Israel's government. Mrs. Meir assumed the premiership in 1969 after the death of Levi Eshkol. She was called out of retirement, supposedly to lead the party during a transition period.

Investigate complaint

WASHINGTON–
The Spanish government is investigating a complaint that a Spanish consular official inserted the word, "Judio," (Jew) in the passport of Romeo Rothschild, diplomat and author. Rothschild showed his marked passport to the Jewish Telegraph Agency in Vienna. Spanish Ambassador Angel Sagas, at first incredulous, declared the consular official would be fired if the incident did occur.

Bar SA athletes

JOHANNESBURG--
The international Amateur Athletics Federation has told the Maccabi World Council that it cannot accept the participation of South African athletes at the ninth Maccabiah -- the Jewish Olympic Games--which opens in Israel July 9. South Africa is barred from most international sports because of its apartheid policy. The Maccabiah, however, is an exclusive gathering of Jewish sportsmen and in no way involves color bars or politics, and South African Jews are furious over the bar.

Arabs want membership

JERUSALEM–
Some 250 Arabs, most of them qualified professional men, have applied for membership in the Israel Labor Party, which opened its ranks to non-Jews several weeks ago. It is Israel's governing party.

Iraq lets Kashkosh girl leave

JERUSALEM (JCNS)–
Doris Kashkosh, the 21-year-old Jewish girl whose family was murdered by the Iraqi secret police, has been allowed out of Iraq. This is reported by an Israeli news agency.

The agency learned this from a tourist who was recently in Iraq and who arrived at Lod airport last week.

According to the report Miss Kashkosh was allowed to leave because of international pressure on the Iraqi government on her behalf. Among those who are said to have intervened was the Indian prime minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

The unnamed tourist noted that over the past month there had been no additional abductions or murders of Iraqi Jews but the remaining 350 Jews in Iraq still live in fear. Five members of the Kashkosh family were murdered on April 12, the day prior to their scheduled departure from the country after receiving permission to emigrate.

Miss Kashkosh was away from the family home at the time and was able to escape.

JDLers convicted

LOS ANGELES (JTA)–
Two members of the Jewish Defence League in Los Angeles have been convicted of assault charges stemming from the bombing last year of a Palestinian Arab's home in Hollywood. Sentencing was set for June 28. Philip C. Zweig and Robert S. Manning, both 20, and members of the JDL chapter here, were found guilty of one count each of assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily harm.

The conviction followed a one-day, non-jury trial before Superior Court Judge Newell Barrett. Additionally, Manning was convicted of one count of illegal possession of fireworks. Deputy District Attorney Stephen Marks maintained they used gunpowder from firecrackers to make bombs. The pair was arrested after an explosion ripped through an apartment occupied by the family of Mohammed Shaath at 845 N. Harvard Blvd. last September.

Shaath, 27, was not at home and neither his wife, nor their two children were injured. Marks presented evidence that one of the defendants had fought with Shaath during a melee which had erupted on a local television talk show involving Jews and Arabs.

57,000 Russians make Israel their home since Jan. 1971

TEL AVIV (JTA)–
A total of 57,000 Jews arrived in Israel from Russia between Jan. 1971 - May 1973 and another 1,966 Jews left the Soviet Union in the same period and opted to go to countries other than Israel, Louis Pinchus, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive told a meeting of Israeli editors and correspondents here.

The Jewish Agency assisted the Jews coming to Israel and the others were aided by joint distribution committee and Hias, Pincus reported.

He said that 365 of the Jewish emigres from Russia have left Israel to date and of that number 91 have gone to Vienna with the intention of returning to the Soviet Union.

Pincus, who addressed the journalists at Beth Sokolow, said Israel must redeploy its absorptive capacities to meet the needs of the large number of Jewish professionals and academics immigrating here. He noted that Jewish society has proportionately more academics than any other society. He said 40 per cent of the immigrants arriving from Russia are academics.

Future Congressional action urged

Attack watch on B'nai B'rith

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. (JTA)–
The B'nai B'rith has denounced as "reprehensible," if true, reports that the 130-year-old American Jewish service organization has been under surveillance by the Central Intelligence Agency. The reports, which appeared in several Washington and New York newspapers recently, did not state the purpose of the alleged surveillance or the period over which it was conducted.

(David M. Blumberg, international president of B'nai B'rith, expressed "shock and anger" over the CIA surveillance reports. In a statement from Houston, Tex., where he is attending the centennial convention of B'nai B'rith District 7, Blumberg condemned the alleged CIA activity as "illegal in purpose, outrageous in character and an affront to the liberties that a government investigative agency is presumed to help defend.")

A resolution unanimously adopted by 1,800 Jewish community leaders from New York State and New England attending the 121st annual convention of B'nai B'rith District One at the Concord Hotel here, declared, "If necessary, legislation should be promptly forthcoming in Congress to prevent any such future surveillance of legitimate American agencies."

Dr. Elliot Rosenberg, of Queens, NY, president of District One, said of the published reports: "It is outrageous that the CIA should engage in such a nefarious unlawful activity against America's oldest and largest Jewish service organization with a record of 130 years of extraordinary public service, patriotic devotion and adherence to the highest principals of the American heritage."

Dr. Rosenberg said further that "the activities of the CIA in engaging in the surveillance of domestic agencies is contrary to law and the fundamental principles of American democracy and should be, and we are confident will be, denounced and condemned by all Americans."

The newspaper reports referred to said that the CIA had targeted a wide variety of domestic organizations for surveillance, including B'nai B'rith. A CIA spokesman declined to comment on the report. According to some sources, the CIA was known to be interested in Israeli intelligence activities and was keeping tabs on organizations known to have regular contacts with Israel.

Plea made to Afrikaaners for understanding of Jews

JOHANNESBURG (JCNS)–
The administrator of the Transvaal, Sybrand Van Niekerk, has called on Afrikaners for more understanding and less criticism of the Jewish and English sections of the population for imagined divided loyalties towards South Africa.

He made his appeal after a debate in Transvaal's legislature when Jewish members of the United Party clashed with members of the Nationalist Party over the willingness of Jews to serve in the South African army. Another bone of contention was the activity of the South African bureau of racial affairs, which the United Party leader, Harry Schwartz, alleged was being allowed to indoctrinate schoolchildren.

Criticism of the Jewish attitude to military service was answered by a United Party member, Dave Epstein. He cited the substantial Jewish role in the South African army during the Second World War.

Later, while Schwartz was addressing the council, a Nationalist Party member made an interjection which Schwartz interpreted as anti-Semitic. He called the Nationalist a racist and said when matters were discussed on merit in the council, Nationalists hid behind "Afrikanerdom" and accused members of going out of their way to attack Afrikaner institutions. It was time, said Schwartz, for the council to accept that "when you criticize people you refer to them as individuals without reference to their langauge, religion, history or background."

Deploring the racialistic note that had crept into the council's debates, Van Niekerk said South Africa's history made it difficult for the various national groups in the country to accept each other fully.

He said Jews all over the world outside of Israel had two loyalties but it was wrong to see this as divided faithfulness. He understood the feeling among Jews for fellow Jews in Israel and granted their right to do what they could for them without accusing them of disloyalty to South Africa. He could say the same for those who felt their culture and language centred on Britain.

Israel fights ILO resolution

GENEVA (JCNS)–
Israel is prepared to fight hard against a proposed resolution at the 58th session of the International Labour Organizations condemning her "for oppression of Arab workers and their trade unions in the occupied territories."

The head of the Israeli delegation to the ILO conference, Arie Gur-El, director-general of the Israeli ministry of labour, told the JCNS correspondent here that he will argue at the conference the non-political nature of the ILO, and that the political problems of the Middle East are already under discussion by an appropriate UN body (the Security Council).

The draft resolution calls for the setting up of an investigation committee to look into the conditions of Arab workers in the occupied territories.

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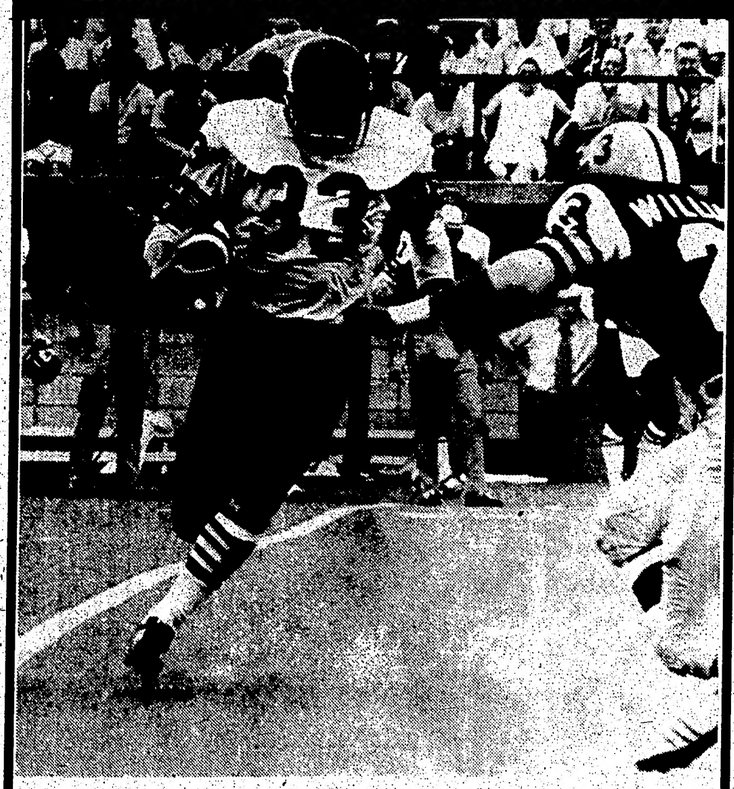

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The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in Montreal was the set for a film being made by the National Film Board on Jewish communities in small Canadian cities. The film will be completed by mid-July of this year. (H. Kay Photo)

NFB film depicts problems, a lifestyles of small towns

By T. SCHNURMACHER
MONTREAL–

A National Film Board feature reflecting the lifestyles of small Jewish communities in Canada is in the process of editing, reports filmmaker Felix Lazarus. The dramatized documentary focuses on several small Jewish - Canadian populations in the Ontario towns of North Bay, Sudbury, and Sault Sainte-Marie.

The film shows the problems a small community faces in trying to keep its identity while living in the general Canadian milieu.

Appearing in the film, which will be completed by mid-July, are two young Montreal actors, Brynna Wasserman and Moishe Rosenfelt.

The purpose of the film is to "illustrate how Jews retain tradition and education as instruments for survival," says Lazarus. "Perhaps my film can serve as a guide to other groups faced with similar problems."

The native Montrealer is also completing the second part of **The Gossamer Thread**, a film history of the Jews in terms of synagogues all over the world. As well, he is planning a film on the history of Jerusalem showing the works of artists through the ages who used the Holy City as their exploration.

"I make these films for didactic purposes, to arouse interest in Jewish history. There is more to history than what is contained in books," he says.

"With some imagination, even the most traditional of Jewish studies, such as the Chumash or Talmud, can be transmitted through audio-visual means without sacrificing any of their sanctity or authenticity. In this way they would have a greater appeal to the younger generation. Even our grandparents encouraged us to learn by giving us cookies with letters of the Aleph Bet on them.

"I picked small towns to film on purpose," says Lazarus. Jewish groups in larger centres have already been filmed by the NFB or the CBC. Small towns have their own special problems.

"One family, living 16 miles out of North Bay, brings their children into town each day to attend special Jewish classes after school. To me, that shows real concern."

Survives Communist rumor

Work concept attracts diversity: ORT

By MOURA WOLPERT
HAMILTON–

Despite initial difficulties, not least of them the rumor that there was a communist connotation to ORT, Hamilton's Women's ORT is doing pretty well these days.

The group's efforts were praised by Mrs. Sophie Bennett of Toronto, honorary past president of Women's Canadian ORT, when she installed its new president, Mrs. L.H. Enkin, at an informal outdoor ceremony following the annual scholarship luncheon at Mrs. Enkin's home recently.

The group's first president, Sylvia Jacobs, paid tribute to outgoing president Sylvia Katz, during whose six-year tenure $22,000 was raised in various projects.

Now a thriving and successful group with about 130 members, Hamilton Women's ORT had a modest beginning 10 years ago with only a handful of women under the temporary presidency of Zelda Robinson, wife of the late David Robinson, Q.C. Among the problems they faced in their effort to get accepted was the fact that Hamilton was already an "over-organized" city with seemingly no room for yet another organization.

Mrs. L. H. Enkin

"There was also mistrust," Mrs. Jacobs said, "and a real fear that ORT was a workers' group." However, the women persisted and eventually won the support of the community.

The 'work concept' of ORT which led to the rumor that it was communist-inspired was precisely what attracted many of the original members to its ranks.

For Mrs. Anna Minden, at whose home the meeting at which the group came into being was held, the value of ORT lies in the fact that practical contributions are of greater importance than anything else.

Mrs. Minden admits that she is supposed to be an honorary president or something but is far happier when she is know as a worker.

"I'm not much for big donations and fund-raising projects," she said. "You don't have to be rich to belong to ORT--why not let everyone have a chance to do something worthwhile? And you can't give me a cause more worthwhile than letting a human being learn to earn his own living and live a dignified life."

It is this 'work concept' which Mrs. Minden feels has resulted in the fact that ORT membership consists of a good cross-section of the community and which will in turn attract more members from among the younger generation.

Historical society acquires new home

WINNIPEG–

For the first time since it was established five years ago, the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada is now located in its own office and working premises on Donald St., it was announced last week by Dr. I. Wolch, president.

Prior to the establishment of the Jewish Musuem of Western Canada in 1972, all the activities of the Jewish Historical Society were conducted from the offices of the Canadian Jewish Congress. Early in 1972, after the inauguration of the Musem project and the more intensive development of the archives and oral history program, the Historical Society acquired office space and working facilities at the Museum of Man and Nature while continuing to conduct its administrative work from the Congress office.

In announcing the move to new premises, Dr. Wolch expressed special appreciation for the tremendous amount of assistance and co-operation provided by the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature during the past year and a half. "We hope to continue a sound working relationship with the Museum in the future," Dr. Wolch stated.

40 years service for society

OTTAWA–

The Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan Association -- an organization devoted to providing interest-free loans to needy members of the Jewish community -- marked its 40th anniversary with a banquet here on Monday, June 18.

The dinner also marked plans for the establishment of a branch of the association in Natanya, Israel. They presently have branches in both Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Since its inception in August of 1933, the Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan Association has granted almost 2,300 loans of up to $600.

JNF project between Tel Aviv, Jerusalem

Winnipeg leader Canada Park chairman

WINNIPEG–

Appointment of prominent Winnipeg Jewish community leader Murray H. Tapper as national chairman of the Jewish National Fund's major new Canada Park project has been announced by Bernard M. Bloomfield, national president of Jewish National Fund of Canada.

Establishment of the park halfway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, serving a population of well over 1,500,000, has been lauded by Israeli statesmen as "a magnificent and imaginative project" and the JNF across Canada will be bending every effort to its fulfilment.

Expressing pleasure at Tapper's acceptance of the national chairmanship, Bloomfield pointed out that Tapper had served the JNF in various capacities--most recently as vice-president for the Western Region--and has also served many other organizations and institutions in the Jewish community with great distinction.

"Canada Park," he said, "is an outstanding new undertaking that represents another giant step in developing still further the partnership we share with the citizens of the Jewish state. It extends to Canadians an opportunity to link their names with a project which will enhance the lives of those living in the most heavily populated area of the Jewish state."

The park will occupy 30,000 dunams of land to be developed as a national parkland for the recreational needs and well-being of the people of Israel of all ages.

For the children there will be wading pools, playground facilities, lawn, flowers, places to romp and run; for youth, sports fields, playing courts, swimming pools, recreation areas, facilities for organized track and field training and events; for adults, picnic grounds, recreation areas, concert facilities, amphitheatre, camping sites, nature trails, animal reserves; for senior citizens, areas for walking, leisure, picnics and recreational activity, botanical gardens, film projection facilities, archeological sites.

It is estimated that the park will serve some 35,000 people daily during peak periods.

Unity, cultural preservation stressed at 1st national Sephardic convention

By T. SCHNURMACHER
MONTREAL–

The Canadian Sephardic Federation will hold its first national convention in Montreal on June 30 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. The draft of a proposed constitution will be presented to the convention.

Among the notables expected to attend are: Prof. Daniel Elazar of Philadelphia, president of the American Sephardic Association; Dr. Nissim Gaon, president of the World Sephardic Association; Dr. Hacham Gaon, chief rabbi of all Sephardic communities in the United States and the British Commonwealth; and the Israeli Ambassador to Canada Theodor Meron.

Shimon Derry, representative of the aliyah department of the Jewish Agency, working specifically with the Sephardic community, says that the purpose of the Sephardic Federation is three fold:

"First, we wish to unite all the various Sephardic groups and organizations across Canada. Secondly, we wish to build bridges of friendship and communication with the Jewish community at large, with the Zionist Movement of Canada, and with Israel. Last, but not least, we wish to preserve the Sephardic culture and heritage."

Yosse Levy, secretary of the Association Sepharade Francophone, which organized the successful "Sephardic Week", at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, emphasized the importance of better Sephardic-Ashkenazi relations.

He said: "Sometimes there is a misunderstanding between the Ashkenazi and Sephardic communities because of historical and cultural reasons.

"Since Jewish schools and universities concentrate on the history of European Judaic culture at the expense of Oriental Judaic culture, the Ashkenazi community as a whole is ignorant of the Sephardic heritage and culture. That is why many Sephardim often feel more understood by French - Canadians than by English-speaking Jews."

Levy continued: "Sephardim wish to integrate into the mainstream of Canadian life. At the same time, however, we do not want our children to lose the Sephardic identity or French culture.

"The Ashkenazi community must realize that there is a diversity in the Jewish people and we must do our best to preserve it. Not all Sephardim wish to be totally assimilated, to speak English, and to eat latkes and gefilte fish."

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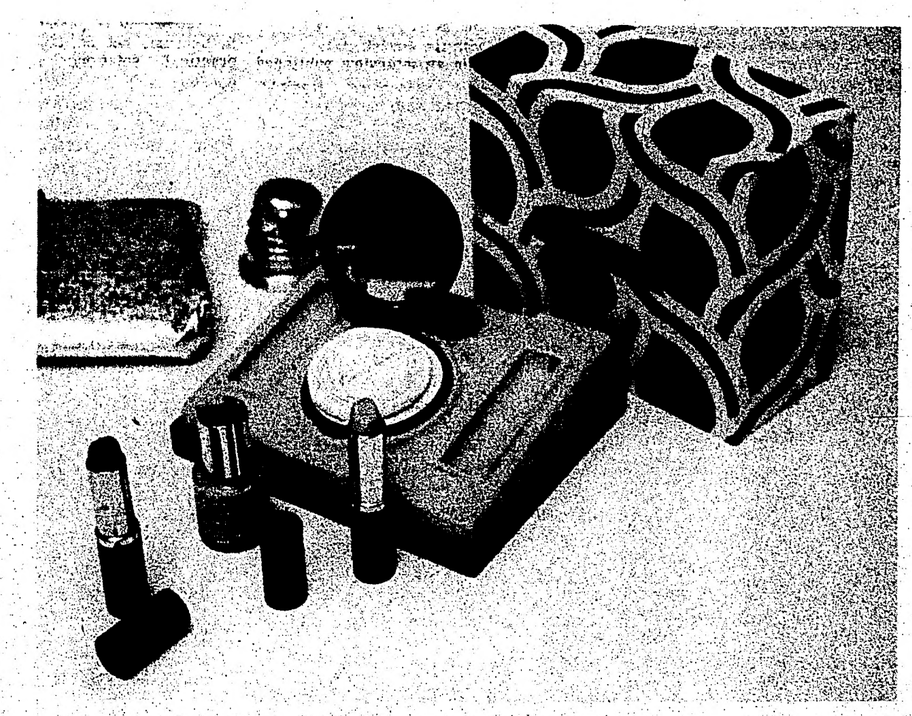

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Journalistic freedom carries with it responsibility for accuracy, fair play

There was a keen as mustard city editor we knew in the long, long ago who never let facts interfere with a good story. We recall the day when a conscientious reporter checked out a very interesting report that had front page potential, only to find that the facts told a very different and much less newsworthy story. When he reported back to the city editor, that worthy upbraided him and concluded with the indignantly-voiced statement, "What have facts to do with it?"

We are reminded of this city editor's belief that a good story shouldn't be downgraded by facts, by the performance of Charles King, **Ottawa Citizen** associate editor, Mr. King in a recent column in **The Ottawa Citizen**, a newspaper long suspected of harboring less than friendly feelings for Israel, took **The Canadian Jewish News** to task for saying that those who criticized Israel for its actions at the time of the downing of the Libyan airliner "should apologize for their harsh words."

For columnist King's benefit, at no time did we say editorially that Canada and other nations should apologize to Israel, in view of the findings of the international investigation team. What we did was quote **The London Daily Express** which commented on the report. The quotation we reprinted said: "The report exonerates the Israelis to the extent that many countries and organizations which criticized them for an unprovoked act of barbarism will have to do some swift, diplomatic apologizing."

At no time did we "blandly" assert that Israel was exonerated, as Mr. King claims. In the editorial which Mr. King takes to task, we said the death of 110 persons in the air tragedy should never have happened, but the report made to the Civil Aviation Organization "clearly shows that all the blame should not be laid at Israel's door." In other words, some of the blame belonged to Israel.

The heading over the editorial was inaccurate to the extent that it spoke of the report exonerating Israel, wheras the findings of the international team of investigators place primary blame for the circumstances leading up to the crash on the Libyan pilot and the messed-up radar operation at Cairo Airport. Our quarrel with the ICAO for its condemnation of Israel is that in adopting this condemnatory resolution--at the urging of the Arab members--it chose to disregard the report of its own experts.

As a newspaper columnist, Mr. King is entitled to voice his opinions about anything and everything, subject to the law of libel and the canon of good taste. We believe, though, that journalistic freedom carries with it a responsibility for accuracy and fair play.

As we said at the beginning, Mr. King reminds us of that city editor who didn't want facts interfering with a good article. But we have no doubt that anything Mr. King, or anyone else, writes on the subject of the Middle East will be published in **The Ottawa Citizen**, as long as the articles maintain **The Citizen's** bias against Israel.

If tourist dollars would shrink, then Florida legislature might act

Discrimination against Jews in housing and employment is a fact of life, though there is far less of it than was the case in North America 25 years ago. But discrimination in Florida where 256,000 Jewish citizens are joined each winter by thousands from all parts of the United States and Canada?

Very much so, according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. In the thorough manner that has become the hallmark of its investigative activities, the league says its Florida regional office received some 300 complaints of religious discrimination, mostly involving housing and employment, during 1972. But a substantial number of people took no action and it is anyone's guess as to the size of the problem. It could well be two or three times the number of formal complaints received by the league.

The southern United States has always been fertile soil for various far-out brands of the Christian faith and Florida, while not regarded as belonging to the deep south states, has its share of religious bigotry. According to the ADL, the social history of Florida as far as its Jewish residents were concerned, showed widespread discrimination. That the situation has improved in recent years is undeniable, but the findings of the ADL would point to a resurgence of anti-Semitism.

The popularity of the condominium form of home ownership is widespread in Florida and Jewish families have been frustrated in many instances when they sought to buy an apartment. Operation of a condominium building is usually entrusted to a board of directors chosen from among the owners, and their task is to screen out undesirables. This has been used as a pretext to keep Jews from becoming condominium owners. Then there is the "private club" device which will not permit a Jewish family to purchase a single family home unless the family is accepted for membership.

In the employment field, the situation is much the same, with many Jewish men and women finding themselves denied jobs because of their religion. The sorry story of discrimination in a state which owes much of its prosperity to Jewish enterprise and to the millions spent there by winter visitors, is told in detail by the ADL.

Hotels in Florida's numerous winter resorts are not mentioned in the ADL report. For most of them it would be economic suicide to bar Jews from their guest lists. Perhaps a lethargic state legislature might be galvanized into action if the legislators found a slackening of tourist dollars as a result of Jews seeking winter sunshine in places other than the so-called sunshine state.

Children of an Israeli kindergarten class celebrate Shavuot. The holiday in ancient times was a harvest festival. (IPPA)

$600,000 building opens

Day schools are flourishing in Britain

By CHARLES HYAMS

LONDON–

With perpetual talk of a dwindling Jewish community, a dearth of students studying for the ministry and an alarming rise in the rate of intermarriage, the overall outlook for Anglo-Jewry would not appear to be too rosy.

But amid this pessimism, one positive aspect of Jewish communal life stands out--the Jewish day school. A reminder of the growing importance of this network of schools came with the opening of a new school in Clapton, a north London suburb. The school has cost $600,000 and has been named after Simon Marks, one of the founders of the great Marks and Spencer chain of retail stores and a great benefactor to Israel until his death two years ago.

The school is founded and maintained by the Zionist Federation--like almost all the Jewish day schools in Britain--and has the great benefit of being state-aided, which means parents do not have to pay for the education of their children.

The Zionist day schools take children from the age of three (in the kindergarten) and keeps them until the age of 11, when secondary education begins in Britain. At the moment there are only one or two Jewish secondary schools, which means that most of the pupils educated at Jewish primary schools then have to continue their education at non - Jewish schools. In London itself, there are a couple of Jewish secondary schools, both incorporated in the state system, but the provinces have fewer opportunities for secondary Jewish education.

When the Jewish day school movement was born in the post-war years, it met with a good deal of opposition from the community. But this has largely been overcome and there are now more than a dozen schools in the network, with some 5,000 pupils. As the chief rabbi, Dr. I. Jakobovits, commented at the opening of the Simon Marks school, "If we don't have Jewish schools, we won't have Jews in the next generation."

Paul Godfrey sets a time limit

By GARY LAFORET
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO–

North York Controller Paul Godfrey, a man some think could soon replace ailing Ab Campbell as Metro Council's chairman, has set a time limit on his political career.

"I'm 34 now, and I don't expect to be in politics past 40," he told **The CJN** last week. "Most people start at 40. I'm going to finish at 40."

Sitting comfortably behind the desk he won again in last December's election, Godfrey--who has been elected an alderman twice and a controller three times during his eight years in public life--explained that he didn't believe a person had the right to make a career out of politics.

"I don't think anyone should think of politics as a life contract. I don't think any politician should stay too long," he said. "I just hope I know when my time is up."

Whether or not Godfrey's day will indeed come at the ripe old age of 40 remains, of course, to be seen. Also a mystery are Godfrey's intentions regarding the Metro chairmanship. He has so far refused to comment publicly on whether or not he will be running in the July 3 election among the council members.

Paul Godfrey

What is certain is that--should he seek the chairmanship--Godfrey couldn't ask for more support from the 32-man council that he got last winter from North York voters.

"I got more votes than anyone in the history of North York, 68,000," he said with a proud grin. "I even got 18,000 more than (Mayor Mel) Lastman."

Like a typical politician, Godfrey credited hard work and campaign workers--700 in all--with his election day success. But unlike many politicians, "hard-working" is an adjective that has followed him through his career.

Chairman of the Metro Transportation Committee, Godfrey also serves as a member of the Toronto Transit Commission and North York committess on parks and recreation and environmental control. Those activities and the inevitable meetings that accompany them take up 18 hours of his day, he said.

And at least some of that time, presumably is spent answering his critics, who have blasted him for his pro-Spadina Expressway stand. Some of those critics have also accused the Conservative Party member of fighting too hard for issues he's in favor of.

Godfrey said he could see the value of expressways in Metro but maintained he was definitely not "an expressway nut." He added that he saw little wrong with being accused of fighting too forcefully for an issue.

"I'd rather be accused of fighting too hard than not at all," said Godfrey. "I like to see things get done...I like to see decisions made. I'd rather see a decision made against me than not at all."

What spare time Godfrey does get, he said, he spends with his wife and 4 1/2-month-old son, his chemical engineering consulting business and a number of organization directorships including the YMHA and the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Would there be more of that sought-after spare time in the provincial or federal governments? Possibly, but Godfrey said he had no wish to join them.

"I've been offered all types of ridings, both federal and provincial, and I've refused all opportunities to run."

Why?

"First of all," he said, "I have no desire to live in Ottawa. I enjoy what I'm doing here. Being a municipal politician gives me an opportunity to express my own opinion without being part of a party."

Israel begins to consider the five-day work week

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV–

While many U.S. and European companies have already gone over to a four-day work week, here in Israel serious consideration is only now being given to the introduction of a five-day work week. The issue was raised most recently by Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, controversial secretary general of the Histadrut Labour Federation, who claims a shorter work week will not only benefit wage-earners, but also, by raising morale, will actually increase productivity.

A bill calling for a five-day work week (from Sunday to Thursday) was introduced in the Knesset last week by Dr. Yehuda Ben-Meir, an American-born university lecturer who represents the National Religious Party in the Israeli legislature. While he also stresses the importance of more leisure, Dr. Ben-Meir is primarily concerned with facilitating Sabbath observance. Under present circumstances, people who want to play football, go to the seashore for a swim or even visit out-of-town relatives must do so on the Sabbath--their only day off--thus violating a central precept of Judaism.

However, arguments for a five-day work week, secular or religious, carry no weight with the Israel Manufacturers Association. Abraham Shavit, vice-president of the IMA, recently declared that it was out of the question to cut the work week at a time when productivity was still low by overseas standards and labor was in short supply. Anyhow, Shavit added, Israel's workers are more interested in extra money than in additional leisure time and would inevitably use the free Friday for even more moonlighting.

A number of firms, particularly science-based industries, have already dropped Friday from the work week, with interesting if inconclusive results. According to a survey carried out last year, such companies suffer from 25 per cent less absenteeism and from fewer strikes. Production statistics are less clear cut: some plants report stable output, while others say production has dropped slightly.

Government economists are not only concerned with a possible fall in output following the introduction of a five-day work week, but also with a resultant increase in demand for costly leisure-time necessities. The happy 45 per cent of Israeli families who own automobiles will use them more often; the other 85 per cent will feel even more ill-done by. Moreover, there will have to be additional sailing boats and swimming pools, restaurants and roads, playing fields and playing cards.

The demand for increased leisure shows how much attitudes have changed since the stormy day in the Garden of Eden when Adam unprotestingly accepted God's edict that henceforth "...in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." Adam's descendents hereabouts are no longer so pliant. And this being an election year in the Holy Land, their desires for a sweatless weekend may well be heeded by Israeli policy-makers.

ask the rabbi

Christological passages misunderstood

There are a number of so-called Christological passages in the Old Testament, such as the reference to a virgin conceiving in Isaiah 7 verse 14 and the name Emanuel (God be with us). What have Jews to say on these passages?

RESPONSE:

Many of these supposedly Christological passages are based on a misunderstanding of the text. It has often been pointed out, for example, that the word used in Isaiah is not, "betula" (virgin) but "alma" which simply means a "young girl." Others are examples of early Christianity artificially creating traditions so as to suggest that ancient prophecies are being fulfilled, as when the genealogy of Jesus is traced back, at the beginning of Matthew, to David and Abraham.

But, in any event, nowadays, even Christian scholars (with the exception of fundamentalists) admit that there is not the slightest warrant, historically speaking, for understanding the Hebrew prophets to be referring in details to persons not yet born and to events which only happened centuries after their time. One of the great gains of modern biblical scholarship is that we are now able to see the prophets against the background of their time and to observe how their powerful message was addressed, in the first instance to their contemporaries and that it was not a kind of magical precognition of things yet to happen.

To be sure the prophets do speak of the "end of days" but only in a general sense. They never give the names of persons who will be born long after they themselves will be dead. It is as preposterous to read the prophets as fortelling the birth of Jesus as it is to see them forecasting that the Second World War would break out in September 1939. The whole exercise of searching the Old Testament for references to events told in the New is thoroughly out of favor even among Christians, and the disputations in which Christians and Jews hurled biblical texts at one another are very much a thing of the past.

YMHA's posture on Sabbath recital 'ignores childrens' feelings'

Dear Editor:

Is it proper for the YMHA to hold its annual music recital on the Sabbath and thus effectively exclude a group of children from participating? I raised this question in a recent letter to the director of the 'Y,' and received a telephone response from the music director. It is the nature of that response that prompts me to bring this matter to your attention.

My son and his classmate, both 13-years-old, are avid guitar students at the 'Y.' This year they were honored with an invitation to participate in the annual recital. The concert was scheduled to begin at 8:15 on Saturday, June 9; and, with the Sabbath ending some time around 9:40 on these long days, my son and his classmate were not able to participate. I wrote to the director of the 'Y' requesting a change of the day of the concert and pointing out how much it meant to a child to be able to perform publicly at the end of a long year of study. I also noted that the 'Y,' as a communal institution, should take into consideration the needs and practices of all segments of the Jewish community.

In our telephone conversation the music director informed me that he regretted that the children would not be able to play. At the same time he let me know in no uncertain terms that the difficulties arising out of scheduling concerts on the Sabbath were my problem and not his. I tried to impress on him that I was not talking about just another 'Y' program or event, but a specific recital in which the children had earned the right to participate by the quality of their playing. The music director made it perfectly clear that the 'Y' had scheduled such concerts on Saturdays in the past and would do so in the future.

I want to make it clear that I am not raising the question of whether or not the 'Y' should be open on Saturdays, nor do I present myself as a representative of the Orthodox community. I believe that the issue that I am raising should be of interest to all members of the Jewish community, whatever their particular religious outlook or religious practices may be. If the music director's view prevails, that portion of the Jewish community that considers it improper or inappropriate to perform on the Sabbath will permanently be barred from participation in these annual recitals. Such a posture ignores the feelings of the children; it also destroys any attitude of respect and co-operation which we would like to foster within our community.

It was the callousness and insensitivity or the response that I received from the music director that has moved me to write this letter in the hope that the general public which patronizes the 'Y,' and particularly those members of our community who serve on its governing and funding bodies, do not share the views and attitudes of those who direct the 'Y.'

Sydney Eisen
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Dear Editor:

I have read the article "Parental Turmoil Sparked by Changes in Hebrew Academy Structure." It seems that the parent body of Associated Hebrew Schools and CHAT suffers from a breakdown in communications between themselves and the board of directors of the above two institutions. This lack of information has caused rumors to fly and misinformation to be disseminated from all quarters.

CHAT, or the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, was originally established with funds from the Welfare Fund to encompass more than one philosophy in its school program at the senior high school level. Since the school was housed in the Associated Hebrew Schools' building, CHAT took on the philosophy of Associated and students from other schools were not able to integrate into CHAT as they could not adapt themselves to the curriculum being taught at CHAT.

The catalytic agent, which led to discussions between the Board of Jewish Education, the Welfare Fund, the Bialik School and United Synagogue Day School and the Independent Day High School about the possibility of students from the above two schools attending CHAT, was lack of community funds to feed the needs of Bialik and the Independent in the senior high school program. The parents in both Bialik and Independent would have been very happy to have their children continue on in these schools and not have to make a choice whether to send their children to CHAT or not, but rising educational costs have made this impossible plus the fact that the Welfare Fund was willing to fund only one senior high school.

Agreement has finally been reached between Bialik, USDS and CHAT. Students from Bialik and USDS are being encouraged to attend CHAT in the coming year. Attitudes on the part of parents of Associated and CHAT who fear that their religious outlook will be destroyed by the "Godless" students of Bialik and that their children will be "contaminated" with worldly ideas by these students belong in the 19th century.

Our graduates will bring a breath of fresh air into CHAT. Jewish history will not end with the destruction of the second temple. Pupils will be exposed to modern Jewish thought and philosophy. They will be exposed to the Zionist idea and modern Jewish problems.

Godless? How demeaning of Jews who have, through trial and tribulation, created an institution that the entire Jewish community of Toronto can be proud of. Let us all now put aside our differences and strive to make CHAT a truly "community" school of Jewish learning, philosophy and thought.

Victor Topper
Past Chairman
Bialik Hebrew Day School
Toronto, Ontario

Self-imposed isolation

Famed Rebbe's words come from other lips

By J.B. SALSBERG

As we enter the town we are joined by hundreds of Kotzker Chassidim who are coming for a Sabbath weekend to their Rebbe. Many do it on foot, others come in horse-drawn wagons that are crammed with Chassidim, while small groups of more affluent disciples arrive on the dusty road in vintage carriages that were hired for the occasion.

The crowd has grown at the rabbi's residence. In glowing spirits the Chassidim renew old friendships. But whether in the front of the residence, in the courtyard, or inside the Rebbe's Beth Hamidrash the dominant concern is, of course, about the Zaddik, about Rabbi Mendel.

Sometimes the enquiry is made by a mere questioning glance of the eye, or by a low-voiced monosyllable, "Nu?" The anxious look and the whispered "Nu" is perfectly well understood. And on that day the answer was--as it has been for many years--a shake of the head. It meant that Reb Mendel of Kotzk is still in self-isolation in his private study; that he still refuses to receive Chassidim; that he still evades the Beth Hamidrash and that only a handful of his oldest and most renowned disciples have access to him for brief visits.

But Kotzker Chassidim continue their pilgrimages, they pray together, eat the Sabbath meals together and hope that the Rebbe will once again favor them with his presence; that they once again receive his blessings and that they be privileged again to hear his profound and meaningful words from his own lips.

In the meantime the elite of their ranks fulfil the role of their Rebbe and reveal the latest thoughts of the Zaddik as he expressed them during their latest presence with him. The elite also repeat and add new interpretations to what Reb Mendel had said in bygone days. The Chassidim listen rapturously to the words of their Rebbe even though they come from the lips of others. And these are some of the words they hear:

--The Kotzker Rebbe once said of another famous Rebbe: "That's a Zaddik in a fur coat." (A Rebbe in a peltz.) When asked to explain what he meant, Reb Mendel replied: "Well, one man buys himself a fur coat in winter, another buys kindling. What is the difference between them? The first wants to keep only himself warm, the second wants to give warmth to others too."

--A man complained to the Kotzker Rebbe that people call him a bigot. Why, he asked, to they ascribe such an infirmity to him and why do they not call him a pious man? "A bigot," the Rebbe replied, "converts the main issue in piety into a side issue, and a side issue into the main issue."

--Reb Mendel of Kotzk once asked of one of his renowned disciples: "To what purpose was man created?" "So that he might perfect his soul," the disciple answered. "No, indeed," Reb Mendel replied, "man was created so that he might lift up the heavens."

--Someone once stated to the Kotzker rabbi that a certain person was greater than another person and mentioned the names of both. To which Reb Mendel replied: "If I am I because I am I, and you are you because you are you, then I am I and you are you. But if I am I because you are you, and you are you because I am I, then I am not I and you are not you."

--Said the Kotzker rabbi "When a man makes a reverent face before a face that is no face--that is idol worship."

--A scholarly, but very poor, disciple of the Kotzker came to the Zaddik and beamingly announced that he had won the first prize in a lottery. "That wasn't through any fault of mine," Reb Mendel replied. Upon which the Chassid went home and distributed the money among needy friends.

--Kotzk interpreted the commandment "though shalt not steal" to mean, not that one must not steal from another. That, they argued, is obvious, is self-evident. What that commandment means, suggested Kotzk, is that you shall not steal from yourself.

And with this precious treasure in our knapsack we depart from Kotzk for the present and reluctantly join the others on our way back to what we call the real world...

Move to greater normalization

Chancellor's visit ends 'special relations' era

Expressions on Willy Brandt's face captured by IPPA photographers during news conference held while he was visiting Israel.

JERUSALEM (JTA)-

The assessment that Chancellor Willy Brandt's Israel visit is marking the end of the "special relations" era between Bonn and Jerusalem and a move to greater normalization was incisively confirmed at a press briefing in Jerusalem by a senior Israeli official. Appearing before 150 German and local newsmen, he took issue with a statement by German government spokesman Rudiger Von Wechmar last week that Germany sought to "speak to Cairo and Jerusalem in the same language."

Asked to comment on this, the official asked rhetorically: "Can the chancellor speak to the Arabs in the same language as to us? Were six million Arabs killed... ?" No country has ever managed to speak to any two other countries in the same language, he added. As far as Israel and Germany were concerned, he said, the Holocaust must have an effect on the language they used in addressing each other.

This, of course, is not what Von Wechmar or the German chancellor have been saying during their visit to Israel. Brandt repeatedly and carefully stresses the "normal relations of a special character" --significantly different from the "special relations" which Israel sought to perpetuate. The Israeli official dismissed this as semantic minutiae. Israel had never used the term "special relations," he claimed--Kennedy had used it referring to U.S. and Britain.

But foreign ministry officials here last week most definitely were using it and saying that they hoped it would continue. The official, at any rate, accepted the new German phraseology and added the special was being stressed more than the normal--though this was not the opinion of most observers of this visit. The official hopes sensitivity over the Holocaust would prevent drastic divergences of views--as it had done in the past.

The official noted with satisfaction Brandt's declared support of negotiations between the parties to the Mideast conflict as the path to peace--Israel's position exactly. He noted too Brandt's rejection of any mediatory role. Asked to comment on reports of increasing political cohesion within the 9-member European Economic Community, and the Israeli economy, the official said the European political union was still a far off dream. He added that nonetheless, European political co operation could have been the reason for the Germans' desire to adopt a more "balanced" policy in the Mideast.

Brandt had declared political union was the ultimate aim and would entail a unified policy on even such complicated issues as the Mideast. The Israeli official expressed confidence that Bonn would not allow itself to be led by Paris on this issue.

The official seemed happier to speak of Bonn's promised support for Israel's demands from the EEC on economic matters. The chancellor has promised to support Israel in the negotiations for a new tariff agreement. These talks are to be concluded this year. There had also been useful talks about scientific co-operation and student exchanges and tourism, the official said.

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir is understood to have presented Britain with some new ideas for economic aid at their meeting. No German answers were immediately forthcoming but Sapir found the atmosphere good as he later reported to the cabinet. Sapir also raised the indemnification question for Nazi victims who left Eastern Europe after 1965 and therefore filed their claims after the deadline of existing German laws. Brandt had not been hopeful about this at his press conference though he said it was under consideration.

On Israel's intended opposition to East Germany's UN candidacy, the official said that Pankow did not deserve the privilege of unanimous acceptance into the international community of nations as long as it persisted in its anti-Israel policies and failure to indemnify Nazi victims.

The Brandt visit to Israel, the first ever by a German chancellor, marked, according to observers here, a double normalization: emotional and political. During Brandt's previous visit to Israel, 13 years ago, a large part of Israeli public opinion violently protested against the visit, though Brandt at the time held no federal office and served as Berlin mayor. Yigal Allon at the time refused to meet the Socialist leader. During the current visit he invited him to his home at Kibbutz Ginossar. Though Israel has not forgotten the past, it was prepared to accept the reality of a new post-war Germany.

This process has been accompanied, however, by a less welcome political normalization. Israeli diplomacy has traditionally claimed that Germany has special debts and responsibility towards the survivors of the Nazi victims. The Israeli diplomatic thesis asserted that relations between Israel and Germany cannot be similar or comparable to those of other countries. Brandt and his aides have shown during the visit that normalization is a double edged sword.

A moving moment during Willy Brandt's visit to Israel--A cantor prays for the victims of the Second World War.

Sapir's knees stop knocking as economic conference results in 40 major projects

By ZVI BEN MOSHE
JERUSALEM-

It was the largest of the prime minister's Economic Conferences and it was clear the organizers -- led by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir--were worried about the outcome. Sapir himself said he felt "weak at the knees," at the thought of it. In 1968, when the late Premier Levi Eshkol had summoned the leading Jewish figures in the economic and business world to come to Israel to see what could be done to help in the post Six Day War after a period of recession, he was riding a wave of emotion probably unsurpassed since the establishment of the state. As everyone recalled it, it had been an emotional experience, with tears flowing freely, especially at the final session. Now, could one expect to draw on a similar fund of emotion? Should one?

Sapir, who had felt "weak at the knees," said after the conference that he could now "breathe freely." More than 1,000 delegates had come, about 100 non-Jews. Most represented a "who's-who" of the international world of business. Setting out the targets of the Israel economy for the next five years before the delegates, the finance minister said the equivalent of 15,000 million dollars would be needed to keep up Israel's rate of economic progress--one of the highest in the world. To carry out this task Israel would require huge injections of capital from abroad, would need know-how to operate new sources of production and markets to sell the finished products. It would be difficult to achieve these targets, Sapir conceded. But it could be done with the help of the hundreds of leaders of the business world who had demonstrated their readiness to assist in the development of Israel.

Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar Lev disclosed the conference had resulted in 40 major projects or deals, some of which were previously unknown. Official estimates valued these at 500 million dollars.

Turning to the question of motivation, the finance minister felt this made little difference. Some visitors had come for emotional reasons; others for business, still others wanted to be linked in some way with a unique social experiment. But all had a common objective: the desire to see a prosperous Israel, achieving its purpose in the Middle East, a Middle East in which peace reigned.

Gauging from the remarks of the visitors, the feeling on the conference in fact ranged from deep emotional sentiment to hard business considerations.

To Louis Goodman, a director of a famous British commercial firm, Marks and Spencer, the conference was proof of Israel's hold on the imagination: "What other people in the world could have got 1,200 people to come here just to look for ways to be helpful? The economic conferences have made Jews conscious of the need to help with know-how, markets and investments, quite apart from giving donations to funds."

A non-Jew expressed the views of those who felt that sentiment no longer played a part, and that Israel had "come of age" as an investment propect. Thomas Black, of Miles Chemicals, an American company which already had several interests in Israel, disclosed when his firm had first thought about investing 10 years ago, it has been considered a somewhat "risky" enterprise in the face of the Arab boycott and other disadvantages. Success had belied all expectations.

Most Israeli commentators felt it was too early yet to draw conclusions. Some of the achievements and mistakes of the first economic conference of 1968, were only beginning to emerge now. Yet, some positive aspects of the third conference could already be ascertained, according to the Labour Federation's **Davar**. Firstly, there was the greater sense of involvement, and this, hopefully, would eventually be given practical expression, in terms of investment, marketing, and readiness to put know-how and experience at the disposal of the Israel economy. Secondly, Israel's economic leadership had been exposed to criticism on management and development. Here the hope was this would lead ultimately to simplification of administration procedures and more efficient treatment of investors and others ready to co-operate in development.

To the afternoon paper **Yediot Aharonot**, too, the sharp attacks on Israeli bureaucratic procedures was one of the positive aspects since, in the long run, this would be of benefit to all. The paper felt the conference had been only a partial success. There had been too many endless arguments over theoretical issues instead of specific projects. Still, Israel had not emerged empty-handed: several projects would be carried in the forseeable future, and the investments projected could not be "sneezed at."

Looking ahead, an Israeli writer on economic affairs, Yuval Elizur, summed up the feelings of those at the conference who thought more time should be spent on planning for the future, by quoting from remarks made in Israel by the visiting U.S. car magnate Henry Ford II, (his firm has an assembly plant here). In order to ensure a significant income from enterprises, Ford said, Israel would have to alter the structure of her industrial economy. Instead of small enterprises producing relatively little at relatively high prices for local markets, large enterprises would have to be developed to produce large quantities at low prices for world markets.

Elizur pointed out that in 1968 many visitors to the first conference had been surprised to see Israel had entered the league of industrial nations. By 1973, it had become clear that this was not enough. In order to continue the momentum, Israel would have to remain in constant competition with the industrial countries. At the same time he did carry a warning for the approaching industrial millenium. Israel would have to be aware of the dangers in the revolution ahead, and take into account all the social and political implications.

Pinhas Sapir

Haim Bar-Lev

Architect David Best's contribution to his country stems from a respect for value of Israel's history

By DAVID PATTERSON
LONDON (JCNS)-

Born in Liverpool in 1928, and trained at Manchester University, David Best arrived in Israel immediately following his graduation in 1951 determined to devote his talents to the complex and demanding problems of architecture and town-planning in the new state. About 20 years later, the town of Arad, the tourist resort of Caesarea, kibbutzim and moshavim in Galilee and the Golan Heights, schools and public buildings throughout the country, an entire neighborhood on the hills of Armon Hanaziv (the high commissioner's residence) in Jerusalem and a large section of the Jewish quarter of the Old City, bear witness to his striking success.

The same imaginative approach to social needs may be found in his design of schools. For the small development town, the high school constitutes a symbol of prestige of no less importance than a university for a great city. The dominating position of the high school in Upper Nazareth, for example, provides an image for the town comparable to that of Mount Scopus for Jerusalem.

After the Six Day War in which he served in Sinai, Best was invited by the ministry of housing and the municipality of Jerusalem to take part in the exciting task of rebuilding the Jewish quarter of the Old City and designing new neighborhoods on the Eastern Hills. The central site in the Jewish quarter allocated him for the design of housing, shops and educational facilities to replace the buildings destroyed during the Jordanian occupation, was considered an archeological treasure, and Professor Avigad had already discovered a small portion of an ancient wall dating from the Second Temple period.

Subsequent excavation revealed the foundations of the wall, seven metres wide, transversing the entire site. Rather than bury this interesting find he decided to make the wall a central feature of his composition, standing in a sunken archeological garden.

The new buildings running along its length define the space where the great wall once rose to enclose the ancient city. This admirably simple solution to a complex architectural problem is primarily an exercise in restraint, respecting the integrity of an ancient site while remaining faithful to the present.

The southern slopes of the Armon Hanaziv will house a neighborhood of 4,000 dwellings within the next seven years, of which 700 are already under construction. Facing the Jordan rift to the east and the Judean desert to the south, the site itself inspired the urban concept. A spine of buildings along the ridges reinforce the natural strength of the skyline, while terraced houses clinging to the contours descend to the valley floor, where the recreational and sports facilities are located. The overall design has been guided by a search for historical continuity. Far from vying with each other, the buildings form a unity, creating a three-dimensional mosaic of light and shade.

The project has demanded the exacting administration of a large team of engineers and planners, quite apart from the need to steer a course through the many stages of planning permission in a town whose sensitivity towards new building may well be among the highest in the world. The visual image must be no less acceptable than the social facilities and the ease and safety of movement for residents of all ages. When an architect is presented with an opportunity of this order, he cannot afford to make a mistake.

In the Old City, Best builds with great respect for his predecessors, hoping that his work on the slopes of Armon Hanaziv will inspire similar respect two centuries from now. It is not enough to plan a district and then leave its subsequent fate to chance. An architect must try to create the machinery to preserve the form and the meaning of his vision, by making a physical environment which itself becomes a part of the process of learning.

By grasping the importance of history as an essential feature in the urban development of Israel, this young architect from Liverpool has already succeeded in making a real contribution to the architectural landscape of his adopted homeland.

Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

'Y' PROGRAM TO EXPAND

As part of its external program, the Toronto YMHA plans to move into the northeastern part of Metro for the first time this fall. In association with the Pineway School Parents' Association under the chairmanship of Larry Crackower, the 'Y' is developing a program which will probably operate out of the school one day a week. The school is in the Bayview-Finch-Leslie area. Target date for the program is late September, according to 'Y' Assistant Executive Director Martin Parks.

SUMMER PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

The Summer for Seniors program made possible by the Association of Senior Clubs and the Downsview Community Golden Age Club, an Opportunities for Youth group, got off to a start last Tuesday at an open house held at the Creative Living Centre which is in the National Council of Jewish Women building on Bathurst St. Any senior citizen is eligible to take part in the activities which include drawing, gardening, bridge classes, bowling, dancing, films, swimming and a Yiddish reading program. Day long trips are planned for every Tuesday and Thursday. Programs take place at the Northern 'Y' and at the Creative Living Centre where the lounge is open weekdays for card playing, music or just plain conversation. Registration is required for several activities and all trips. Registration and further information is available at the Summer for Seniors office, Creative Living Centre.

Mrs. Murray Cornblum

CLOSING MEETING

Masada Chapter of the Farband of Lithuanian Jews has grown from a small group of 10 women, when it was formed 12 years ago, to a present membership of more than 70. They meet every month and their work is focused on Israel and, of course, local institutions. At their closing meeting of the season held last Monday at the Encore in Yorkdale, guest speaker was Mrs. Murray Cornblum, co-chairman of the speakers bureau of the State of Israel Bonds. A presentation of a cheque for the purchase of bonds was made on behalf of the group. Chapter president is Mrs. Niusia Nodel.

SINGLES — SWINGLES

Beth Sholom Synagogue's singles-swingles group is holding a picnic Sunday, June 24, at Viewmount Park (corner of Viewmount and Shermount). From what Rabbi Meir Gottesman, who is co-ordinating the arrangements, tells us, the barbecue starts at 6 p.m. and there will be a panel discussion on **What Being a Jew Means to Me** followed by Israeli dancing. For information and directions call the synagogue office.

FOR BASKETBALL ENTHUSIASTS

The Canadian Maccabiah Basketball Team is playing the Canadian National Team Monday, June 25, at 8 p.m. at Jarvis Collegiate. This may be the last time to see either team for a while. The Maccabiahs leave for Europe on the 27th of the month, and the national team leaves for Mexico and Cuba on the 28th.

BETH JACOB MOTHERS

The Women's League of Toronto's Beth Jacob High School—they are the mothers of the students in the school—have been very busy these past weeks. On May 28 they had an auction sale and then just this past week they had another big fund-raiser, their annual bazaar which was held on Wednesday at the school.

JEWISH MAGAZINE

A new Jewish magazine will be appearing in September. **The Times of Israel**, a 100-page English-language monthly magazine, will be edited in Israel and printed in the U.S. with simultaneous publication in Israel, the U.S. and Europe. It will focus on Israel and international Jewish affairs.

SHELTERED WORKSHOP

Baycrest Centre's sheltered workshop has celebrated its 10th year in business. In 1962, its first year of operation, a total of 4,949 work hours was performed earning $1,237 for its workers. In 1972, 21,500 hours work produced $5,400 in wages for the residents and daycare people employed in the shop.

JEWISH STUDIES IN ARGENTINE

The first Jewish studies courses ever to be given in any Argentine university have been started at the Universidad del Salvador, a Jesuit institution. Courses are scheduled on the Hebrew language, Jewish post-biblical history and Jewish philosophy. The program came about through the efforts of both the rector of the university and the director of the American Jewish Committee's South American Institution of Human Relations. Similar courses are given in universities in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, and in Santiago, Chile.

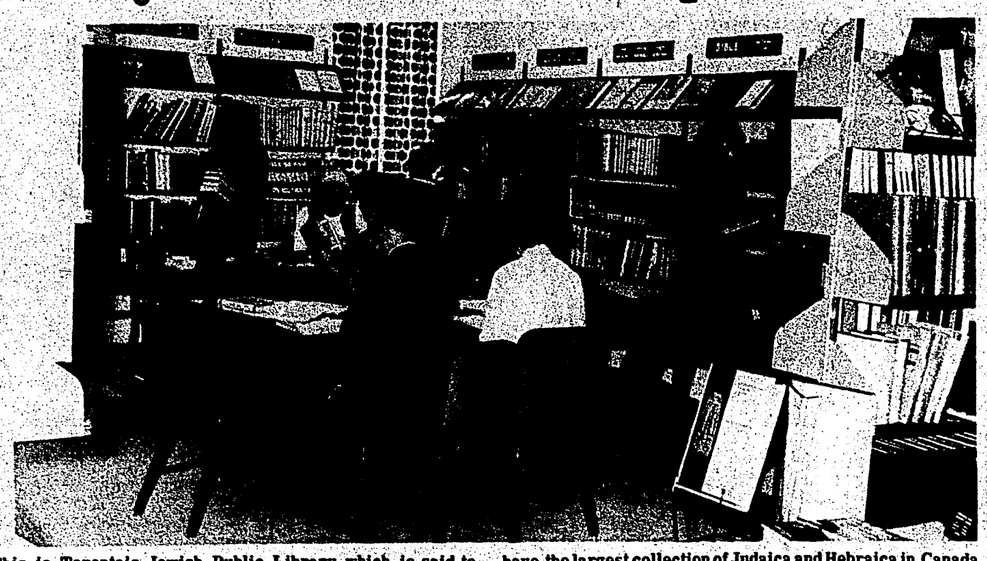
DOCTORS IN THE HOUSE

Apparently Israel ranks first in the world ratio of doctors to population. The ratio of one physician to every 400 of population is the highest in the world. In 1948, Israel had only 2,860 hospital beds and now there are more than 10,000.

SHABBAT SHADCHEN

A congregation in Highland Park, Ill. has a Shabbat shadchen who arranges matches between people and families who wish to share their Shabbat meals.

Our Jewish Pubic Library has claims to uniqueness



This is Toronto's Jewish Public Library which is said to have the largest collection of Judaica and Hebraica in Canada.

TORONTO—

Toronto's Jewish Public Library is the envy of Jewish scholars and leaders all over North America, says Rabbi Israel Frankel, the executive director. The library is unique because it houses an independent collection of Hebraica and Judaica.

Montreal's community operates a library but it serves the community in a general capacity with books that deal with non-Jewish subjects as well as its Yiddish collection, Rabbi Frankel explained. In New York, the public library system has a section devoted to Judaica but there is no specifically Jewish library.

Toronto's Jewish library began in a small way with a collection of used books in a rented space on Spadina Ave., shortly after the Second World War. Then, some public - spirited citizens bought a house at Markham and Harbord for use by the library. But with no full-time staff or director, the library was not used to any extent and did not seem to be fulfiling its purpose.

The United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, which had been providing financial support for the library, decided in 1955 to appoint Dr. Frankel as director, on an experimental basis. The experiment worked so well that he has been there ever since and the library has flourished under his direction. The UJWF allocation for 1973 totaled $39,520.

The library moved to new quarters on Glen Park in 1962, where is shares facilities with the Board of Jewish Education. Dr. Frankel has a full-time assistant and a part-time staff of three.

Because the Jewish library has the largest collection of Hebraica and Judaica in Canada, the Toronto public and reference libraries usually refer interested people to the JPL. The reference library's bibliographic centre has complete listings in English, Hebrew and Yiddish of all books available at the JPL. "In this way," said Dr. Frankel, "we don't duplicate but complement each other."

Prof. Frank Talmage, head of the Judaic Studies program at the University of Toronto, sends his curriculum to the Jewish library six months in advance so Dr. Frankel can obtain reference books for the students.

Book purchases are made possibly through private donations and, according to the recent annual report, $10,570 was spent on new books in 1972. The report also gave some circulation statistics: in 1969 the JPL circulated 20,685 books; in 1972, the figure rose to 25,492.

Books in the library cover every phase of Jewish life from philosophy, medicine, psychology and religion to Jewish understanding of the New Testament.

Dr. Frankel feels the library serves as a public relations liaison between the city's Jewish and non-Jewish communities. Of the 11,500 cardholders, several hundred are non-Jews with a keen interest in Judaica. The library often plays host to tours from schools and organizations who wish to become familiar with the facilities.

Incoming officers named at the annual meeting are Meyer Feldman, president; David Green and Seymour Haber, vice-presidents; and Cyril Houser, treasurer.

Reform day school to aim for a child-centred learning situation and commitment to Judaism

By DOROTHY LIPOVENKO
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO—

A child-centred learning situation coupled with a commitment to the highest ideals of Reform Judaism are the basic tenets of the new Reform day school, which opens September 1974.

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, of Holy Blossom Temple, told a meeting of about 200 parents at Temple Emanu-El last week, that one of the top priorities will be to create a progressive, liberal school where the children will be committed to a Jewish way of life.

Acting as a religious studies adviser to the school, he stressed the need for advancing beyond the afternoon and weekend classes where most Reform children receive their Jewish education, because the former are being limited by the time factor. He said temple children who attend Orthodox or Conservative day schools are coming home with added information (about Judaism) but "not with the kind of convictions and openness we as liberal Jews would want our children to have."

Dr. Jack Levine, chairman of the meeting and of the school's founding board, explained the institution will become a reality only if the parents want it. Starting with kindergarten, grades one and two, consecutive grades will be added only if demanded by the parents, he said.

Named after the Reform European Rabbi Leo Baeck, the school will be subsidized during its first year by private donations, which will supplement tuition fees. After one year, it may apply to the Welfare Fund for a subsidy.

Arthur Benjamin, chairman of the curriculum committee, expounded the philosophy and curriculum makeup of the school.

"We will strive for excellence in secular teaching, with French language and culture being taught. The religious orientation will be Reform, because that is the raison d'etre of the school.

"We will encourage practices...such as Havdalah and Bircat Hamazon. Hebrew language and history will be taught...for we must identify with our heroes and feel they are a part of us. The gut feelings for the holidays must come from experience."

Contrary to the practice of most day schools, the curriculum will not be divided into a half day of general and Hebrew studies respectively, but will attempt to integrate the two. This task is a difficult one, explained

Arthur Benjamin

Benjamin, because it might mean having one teacher who is proficient in both.

"That is the reason the school is not in a hurry to open," he said, "because we want to acquire the best possible teachers for the jobs."

Also on the drawing board is a team teaching system, where two teachers are together at the same time in the classroom.

The mood of the parents was convincing and the queries endless. Benjamin himself admitted he had had his reservations at first, fearing parochialism and segregation of the children. Now, he is convinced, "it can be done."

He said he would like to see small classes, with a limit of 12-15 children per classroom. David Steinhauer, executive administrator, assured the parents the school will be one where the "specific needs of each child will be taken into account." He cited the example of an increasing number of parents who feel certain people have abdicated their responsibilities for producing a sound education in the provincial schools.

"There is too much permissiveness ...in letting a child pick his own curriculum," he said. "We will have a flexible learning situation without trying to sell the notion that education is exclusively fun without hard work."

...about people

Elliot and Susan Strom

Torontonian Elliot Strom is completing his Year-In-Israel program at the Jerusalem school of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. This year is the first of a six-year graduate program which will lead to his ordination as a rabbi and the degree of doctor of Jewish studies. Elliot majored in humanities at York University, graduating with a B.A. degree, summa cum laude. He is also an accomplished musician—he plays the guitar and has performed professionally—and while in Toronto he was director of music at Temple Sinai. Now in Jerusalem, he has been leading the community singing program for special projects sponsored by the Hebrew Union College. His wife Susan, is also in the graduate program at HUC. She is working towards a doctorate in English literature.

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June is a popular month for weddings, and Sunday, June 10, certainly was a popular day—

On that day, Dianne Shulman, daughter of MPP Morton Shulman and Mrs. Shulman married Stewart Saxe in a noon ceremony performed at her parents home on Russell Hill Road by Rabbi Reuben Slonim. The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Saxe of Georgetown, had just graduated from Osgoode Hall law school the day before. Dianne enters her third-year law at Osgoode in the fall. That is, after a honeymoon in Europe.

And Paula Paisley and Ira Kuchinsky —she's the daughter of former North York controller Irving Paisley and Mrs. Paisley—were married at Temple Sinai. The groom is the son of Moe Kuchinsky of Halifax, N.S. The couple met when they were both students at the University of Western Ontario.

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In last week's issue of The CJN, credit for translating a Page 4 article from Hebrew to English should have been given to Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Jewish Board of Education. It should also be mentioned that the translation of the Joel Marcus article was very well done by Rabbi Witty.

CITY OF TORONTO

PROCLAMATION

ROYAL VISIT DAY

Tuesday, June 26, 1973, is declared "ROYAL VISIT DAY", to honour the visit to Toronto of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

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Organizations and People

In my view

By CHARLES LAZARUS

MONTREAL-

Tennis anyone?

Just about every one, if you accept the current trend that tennis is in, and golf is, well...

For months now, I have been trying desperately to keep up with the current Jewish mores and sociology, and it hasn't been easy.

It used to be fairly simple, like that game we would play at Sweet Sixteens.

A word was mentioned and quickly, almost instinctively or by reflex, you'd come up with a matching word or phrase.

In recent years, if anybody would mention black-tie, you got the flash--Israel Bond dinner; curling -- wall-to-wall ice; ceremony at 6 p.m.--all the whiskey sours you could drink befor chupah; summer camp -- archery and riding (horses, of course!).

I don't recall if it was ever like this with Sam Levenson, but in my younger days, our interest in sports was polarized:

There was hockey, the Montreal Canadiens having been created for the sole purpose of putting the Toronto Maple Leafs in their place--hopefully last; and at the other side of the spectrum was the YMHA basketball champions led by Joey Richman and the wrestling team featuring Abe and Doody Vininsky--both the basketballers and the wrestlers serving the basic purpose of convincing us and "them" that Jewish athletes are to be reckoned with--and they were.

I can't remember my father and mother exposing themselves to the social pressures of the bourgeoise Jewish mainstream, to join that golf or curling club--and certainly tennis was for tall, gentlemen gentiles flitting across the courts in their whites.

Obviously we have come a long way on the glorious path of ecumenism, or interfaith relations, or brotherhood, or call it what you will; for not only have so many of my bourgeoise Jewish friends moved into the tennis racket, if you'll excuse the pun, but so many of my non-Jewish pals, of which some of my best friends are, have learned to love Levy's rye bread without even trying to be Jewish.

What makes the tennis syndrome so fascinating in upper-middle Jewish life today, is that it opens the door just a little wider for some fascinating conclusions about cultural ethnicity or, to me more specific, Pierre Trudeau's determination to promote multiculturalism, John Diefenbaker's quixotian courage notwithstanding.

There was a time when "Jewishness," to relate to the Jewish lifestyle and tradition, implied a commitment resulting from family and social pressures, to avoid borrowing anything from non-Jews who might somehow corrode, albeit unintentionally, our unique values and practices.

In more gauche periods, this was called the first step toward assimilation.

But now our more or even reasonably affluent Jews, have learned you have to neither lick 'em nor join 'em, if you want to develop a healthy relationship between Jewishness and stylishness.

And if the gentiles feel that the Jews have moved into their previously sacred areas much as the black tie, golf, curling, riding, archery, and toasting Her Majesty, the Queen, they can only blame themselves, for having agreed in gentlemanly fashion to keep Jews out of these pristine and sportsmanlike pursuits, for hundreds of years.

Now the tables have turned and the Jews have not only moved in on this lifestyle, but even extended it to preserve the cause of Judaism by exploiting their clubs as philanthropic collection agencies.

Tennis may not be--yet--a Jewish sport, but someday it may even be played from right to left.

And as for toasting the Queen, all they did was include the president of the state of Israel in the toast, and everything became kosher, and even Her Majesty, for all we know, may by now simply adore Levy's rye bread.

Next generation-same goal different message: official

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL-

The United Israel Appeal is the message of Israel to the smaller-sized communities in Canada, and if the several hundreds of thousand miles logged each year is evidence, then that message is getting through.

And if success is, in part, determined by the amount of dollars raised for the Jewish state, then the UIA is achieving its goal, for Israel-destined revenue has increased five fold since 1967.

"I remember when there was no Jewish state," says Leon Marcus, UIA's executive director, "and we were getting photographs from Europe after the Holocaust.

Leon Marcus

This is the underlying reason for all our work.. for the key to Jewish survival, which is Israel.

"Why should we be more responsible than Israeli Jews?" he questions. Marcus is very firm in the belief that Diaspora must participate in Israeli life, to share the joy as well as hardship.

His work brings him into contact with thousands of Canadians who live in the smaller communities, people whose only access to Israeli life is through UIA speakers and programs.

Marcus recently returned from Newfoundland where, he says, the community was suffering from a state of deep disappointment. One family was leaving the province.

"They are very depressed," he reported, "they feel the Jewish community is shrinking, and now that one family has left, there is that slight feeling of death of the community.

"After all, there are only 40 families, and when one leaves it is a tragedy. They still have to support their synagogue, and teacher."

The UIA also takes care of Canadian olim in Israel. The UIA has established a mechanism where Canadian newcomers are eligible for low cost loans to help set up businesses or for personal needs.

Marcus, who started with the UIA in the Pacific Region in 1953 at the age of 21, believes that the coming generation of young Jews will be as strongly involved in Israel as their fathers are.

"The message will have to be different, simply because young people are asking different questions. But the basic commitment will never change," he added.

Map tells story where army of volunteers will be deployed Sunday, June 24, for Toronto's 1973 Israel Bond CASH-DAY. Calls will be made to bring in previously-made pledges. From left, A. Eisen, Mrs. A. Finkler, Mrs. W. Goldberg and N. Hurwich.

Thomas O. Hecht

Montreal leader elected national UIA president

MONTREAL-

Thomas O. Hecht of Montreal, a prominent Jewish leader was elected president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, at the annual meeting of the corporation last week.

Hecht, a former chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Montreal, succeeds Gordon Brown who held the position of president from December, 1970. Arnold Portigal of Winnipeg was named deputy president, and Dr. Ralph Halbert of Toronto, national vice-president. Brown was named chairman of the board of directors.

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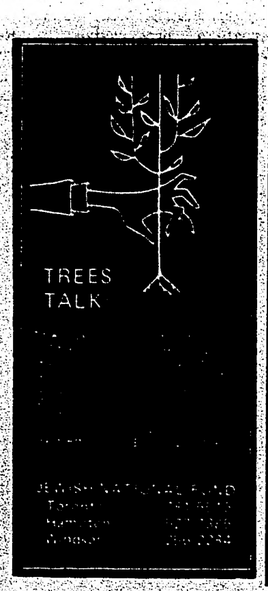

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Instrumental in raising the contribution were the dynamic President Joseph Slonim; Vice-President B. Blady; M. Zurkowsky, Recording Secretary; M. Yoskowitz, Finance Secretary; A. Blady, Campaign Chairman; Z. Weigensberg, Treasurer R.D. Rybowski, Chairman of Building Committee. Mr. & Mrs. Ber and the following executive members:

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Toronto's Lodzer Centre has been exceedingly active in the Jewish community during its twenty years of existence. The Centre is known particularly for its aid programmes to Israel. During the 1967 war, the Lodzer Centre was among the first organizations anywhere to dispatch aid to beleaguered Israel. The members of the society continue to support the cause of the Jewish state. Recently they have:

a) participated in the erection of the monument to the ghetto fighters in Kibbutz Lohamey Hagetaot

b) pledged to establish a youth centre in Or Yehuda in honour of Rabbi David Monson

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d) established a scholarship programme for students in Israel

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TORONTO–

The need for wider facilities to handle the growing demand for hot kosher meals to homebound elderly Jews was stressed at the fourth annual Meals on Wheels Volunteer Recognition luncheon at Adath Israel Synagogue last week.

Jennie Cass, volunteer co-ordinator, read a report by Sue Feldman, meals on wheels chairman who was unable to attend, citing the growth of the service since it began in 1966 as a pilot project when 45 meals were delivered to the phenomenal total of 29,277 meals in 1972.

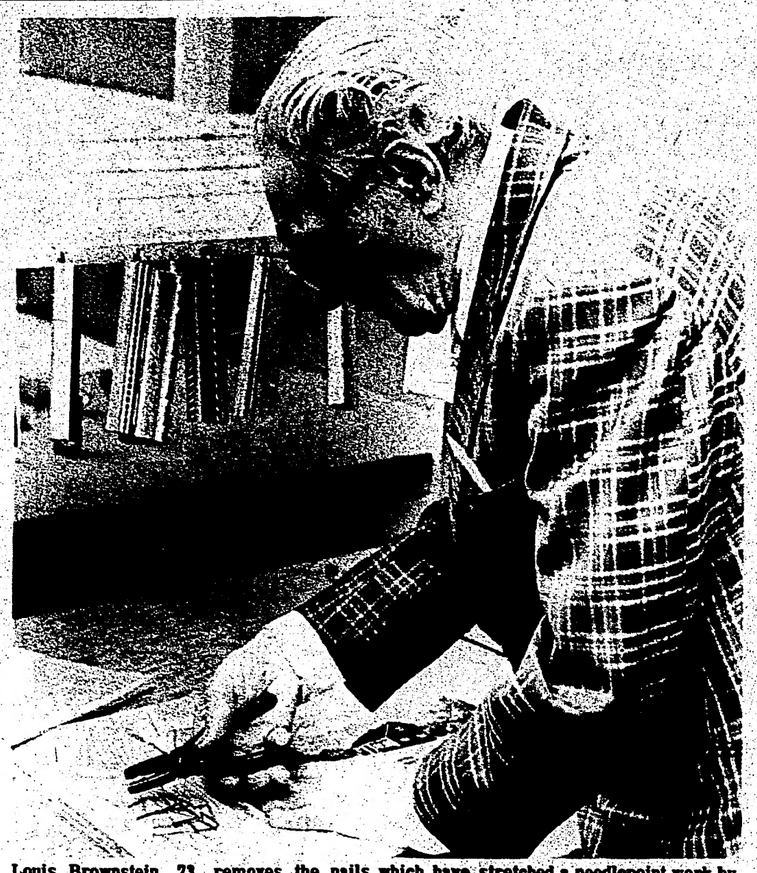
"In the first half of 1973 we've already exceeded our projected capacity and we regret to report that the waiting list for recipients is growing," Mrs. Feldman stated in her report.

The program which operates through the Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly, a division of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, now has 250 driver volunteers ranging in age from 15 to 72. These volunteers may be the only human contact the isolated elderly have and through the contacts many vital needs are met, aside from nutrition. Services have been extended to friendly visiting, shopping or a visiting homemaker should the need arise.

David Langer, assistant administrator of the Jewish Home for the Aged where the meals are prepared, told the 180 volunteers in the audience that kitchen facilities at Baycrest are now overtaxed and that other organizations in the city must become involved to cover the needs of the Jewish community.

"Meals on Wheels has developed a totally unique leadership in volunteers who are involved on a personal basis," he said. "In 1972 we had to use three taxis for delivery and none this year. The saving is incalculable --you volunteers are the conscience of the Jewish community."

Two new appointments to further improve Meals on Wheels operation were made this year--Merle Gottlieb, education chairman and Georgia Kelman, recruitment chairman.



Louis Brownstein, 73, removes the nails which have stretched a needlepoint work by one of the customers, a senior citizen project where members can earn extra money.

Seniors keep active making, selling Folk Shop artifacts

By SUSAN LAZARUS
MONTREAL–

On a recent Spring Sunday, Louis Brownstein, 73, wasn't lazing in the sun, tending a garden or indulging in any of the typical activities of a retired person.

Instead, he was hard at work in the Folk Shop, sanding and nailing a picture frame for a customer who wanted the frame by Monday.

Located in the largely Jewish neighborhood of Snowdon, the Folk Shop was opened one month ago as an extension of the Golden Age Association of Montreal, and Job-Aid, a non-industrial employment agency for retired persons.

With the aid of a Local Initiative Program grant and private funding, an unused store was rented, redesigned, and painted in time for its opening on May 24. All the goods and services in the shop are by senior citizens, although the general public makes up most of the clientele. There are reduced rates for the elderly.

Inside the bright and sunny store, there are some 560 handmade articles, ranging from stuffed dolls, to afghans, to a meticulously crafted and hand carved miniature sled retailing at $125. There are also five services: a barber shop, a watch maker, Brownstein, the picture framer, a dress-maker and a tailor. Except for a small overhead fee, all the profits are kept by the individual.

Brownstein, the picture framer, is perhaps typical of any one of the 40 senior citizens who are actively involved in the running of the store.

On a recent weekend, while busily sanding a picture frame for an impatient customer, he explained how he came to be working:

"I am a furniture maker by profession, and although I've been retired for eight years, I still enjoy my craft."

Brownstein follows a weekly schedule that belies his years, although it's typical for any of the service people.

He works at the store two afternoons a week, Tuesday and Wednesday. The rest of the week he is busy going to a factory to make orders for specific wood, picking up the wood and completing the orders. It would be an active program for a man 15 years younger.

The Folk Shop receives no money from either the Golden Age Association or the Allied Jewish Community Services. Although the LIP grant may not be renewed, the money the Folk Shop is receiving from private funds is enough to carry them through at least until the Fall.

Architectural student, diplomat's daughter

Her blueprint–a strong individuality

By BARBARA ETCOVITCH
MONTREAL–

The first and most obvious question posed in an interview with the daughter of a diplomat always seems to begin with the words, "So how does it feel to be..."

In the case of Yaira Ephrati, daughter of David Ephrati, consul in Montreal, the question seems somehow not to apply, for 20-year-old Yaira is a straightforward individual with strong determination and a definite direction of her own.

Yaira, born in Tel Aviv, has lived in many parts of the world that Canadian girls have only been able to dream of. The diplomatic travels of her family have taken her to Gabon, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Ethiopia, and Canada and have helped her to acquire a good knowledge of the German, English and French langauges.

The extensive journeys do have their drawbacks and Yaira pointed out in the interview that much of her time is spent in bidding farewells to her newly - acquired friends.

"Everyone thinks that it is good to see so many new countries. In a way it is because I have met many new people and have gained a good deal of experience. I have also missed a lot, however, because during my travels I have always had to leave good friends. I now almost feel as though I have a hole in me."

Yaira has temporarily made her home in Montreal where she attends McGill University as a student in the faculty of architecture. Her ambitions in this field reflect her love for her native Israel.

The landscape and architecture of Montreal have greatly inspired her and in her studies at McGill she hopes to acquire the knowledge and experience required to create a style of architecture compatible to Israel.

"Much of Israel has been built without attention to the landscape; the woods and mountains of Jerusalem have largely been destroyed. It is important now to take these points into consideration. The landscape and architecture must also reflect the nature of Israel and so I am looking for a way in which to blend the buildings and surroundings into the nature of the country."

Yaira Ephrati

Yaira's architectural studies are being complemented by work for a Montreal architectural firm. Her summer employment will only be temporarily interrupted by her marriage to Montrealer Irvin Wisenthal which is to take place in August. In September, she will resume her course at McGill and will later return to Israel to apply what she has learned to her native land.

Yaira is a young woman with a strong sense of self. It is true she is an Israeli consul's daughter but she wants to be recognized as Yaira. She desires to relate to people as an individual and not as "someone to be held in awe because of her father's position."

Yaira closed the interview with a statement that humorously expressed her feelings about her situation. When asked if she had ever considered the diplomatic core as a career, she appropriately replied, "Oy Vey."

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Sephardic needs being recognized: Lasry

By T. SCHNURMACHER
MONTREAL–

Jean-Claude Lasry, president of the Association Sepharade Francophone has expressed satisfaction that the Jewish community as a whole is beginning to recognize the needs of Sephardim.

Reviewing the year's activities of his organization at the general assembly of the Sephardic community of Montreal, he said he was pleased about the two sub-committees of the ASF and Allied Jewish Community Services that have started to work together to accelerate the building of a new Sephardic synagogue and community centre.

He said: "Our objective for the building fund is $250,000. Such a goal is not easy and it might take us a few years and lots of hard work to reach. Nevertheless, I am sure we will be able to manage it and have a community centre and synagogue that is truly our own and of which we can be proud."

Lasry spoke about the French - speaking Maimonides School in Cote St. Luc: "In September of last year, we had 110 students. By the end of this school year we have 145. We are expecting an enrollment next fall of 250 students and we will soon have to start thinking about a second French-language Jewish school.

"We must be truly proud of the Maimonides School. The handball team of ASF practices in its gymnasium every day, and this season, our team won the silver medal in the Quebec competition."

Lasry congratulated all the ASF committees for their "tireless" efforts. Over 11,360 people participated in activities organized by ASF. He also announced the establishment of a new committee for golden agers: "Old people must not be neglected. They are part of the family and they have much to teach our young people about their roots and origins. Let us be true to the ASF philosophy and work together to retain our traditions and our heritage."

The general assembly was held during a "Sephardic Week" that had been organized to acquaint the Jewish community with Sephardic culture. An exhibition of Sephardic artifacts was held at the Saidye Bronfman Centre.

The week also featured a lecture by Dr. Andre Elbaz from Carleton University on French and American Jewish Writers, a conference on Sephardic culture conducted by Prof. David Bitton from New York and a recital of the poetry of Ibn Gabirol. A gala ball complete with Moroccan orchestra climaxed the festivities.

Well known trainer Johnny Starr stands beside La Prevoyante, the favorite to win the Queen's Plate June 30, at Woodbine Racetrack. Starr, a three-time King-Queen's Plate winner, has been a top racing figure since entering the sport 45 years ago.

Prisoner exchange is seen with Egypt

JERUSALEM (JTA)–

Arab affairs experts here believe the prisoner of war exchange between Israel, Syria and Lebanon will be followed shortly by a similar PoW exchange between Israel and Egypt. According to the experts, Syria's agreement to return three Israeli fighter pilots it had held captive for three years in exchange for 46 Syrian and 10 Lebanese PoWs held by Israel was a preparatory maneuver on the eve of the Security Council's Middle East debate scheduled to open Wednesday.

The Arabs are showing the world that they want to "clear the decks" of all extraneous issues before the council session so that all attention can focus on the problem of returning the territories captured by Israel in the Six Day War, one commentator said recently.

Correction

Dr. Ronald Feld was founder and president of the Canadian Committee for the Rescue of Jews in Arab Lands, not the Canadian Committee for Syrian Jewry as reported in the June 18 CJN edition. Mrs. Feld says he was never a leader of the Jewish Defence League, only a member.

Horse trainers thrive on old fashioned hard work

By BRIAN STONEMAN
TORONTO–

The familiar cry is heard and they are off and running once more at Woodbine Racetrack, often in pursuit of horses trained by two well known individuals, Johnny Starr and Conrad Cohen.

"I have been spoiled with horses that have made me a very successful trainer," said 67-year-old Starr recently in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News.

"I have a lot of faith in the Lord and I do a lot of praying," said Cohen, 38, in his typically robust manner.

Conrad Cohen

Both men were waffling as to what they owe their success as thoroughbred racehorse trainers. To even the most unenlightened observer, though, it's evident the two benefit from good, old-fashioned hard work.

Long working hours prevent either from participating much in other activity, limiting them basically to synagogue membership; for Starr, Bnei Akiva and for Cohen, Machzikei B'Nai Israel Congregation.

Yet they don't regret investing time in the sport. "I get up at 4:30 a.m. and go to bed at 7:30 p.m. and if you ask me what day it is, I have to check," said Cohen, who graduated from the University of Western Ontario as a chemist. His work is not really work, he feels, because of his love for horses.

And to Starr, a three-time King - Queen's Plate winner (Ace Marine, '55; Caledon Beau, '58; and Jammed Lovely, '68), although he has never ridden much himself, training winners seems reward enough. Starr, who lives with his wife Ruth on a 46-acre-estate in Nobelton, 14-miles north of New Woodbine, will saddle La Prevoyante, this year's Plate favorite, on June 30, and winner of the Quebec Derby Saturday.

After emigrating with his family to Toronto from Russia in 1912 he later became involved in the sport through his associations with people like Frenchie Schwartz, a popular jockey both here and in the U.S. at the time Starr entered the game about 45 years ago.

The short and slightly built trainer stressed he has found no discrimination against Jews. "I train for four millionaires," he said, "and they are all Gentiles."

Cohen, speaking in a separate interview later, echoed this feeling and said, "there are a tremendous number of Jewish race followers and owners."

Cohen operates a public stable with 12 horses here and four in Montreal, of which he owns three. As he paced back and forth giving directions to his stable employees, joking with friends and sweating under the hot sun, he tried not to appear immodest.

Unfortunately, however, modesty is difficult when one is proud of one's successes and Cohen has much to be proud of, especially in the rehabilitation of problem horses.

At first Cohen trained show horses and it wasn't until he had won the Ontario championship four times that he became involved with thoroughbreds. "I never had any difficulty becoming successful here," he said, peering through sunglasses downwards, seemingly at his slightly paunchy stomach. "All I did was train my own horses because no one trusted me then."

Now Cohen's reputation for greatly improving lower-level horses evokes praise from knowledgable people like Ed Mesenchuk, a former owner of a horse trained by Cohen. "He is one of the few trainers who would give the small guy a break," he said. "He is so talented and has improved so many horses it is hard to pin down his greatest success."

His own horse, Mesenchuk emphatically said, couldn't run half a mile until Cohen began training it and it soon won at a mile and an eighth.

A Willowdale resident, Cohen's plans for the future are to improve his stable and with his wife Susan, "raise champion children (the couple have two children, Howard, six and Rhonda, nine), as well as horses."

All the success of Starr and Cohen, nevertheless, would be infinitely harder, if not for the work of track veterinarians. These number between six and nine at Woodbine, depending on who you ask.

"The horse is the foundation, the veterinarian tries to keep it together and the trainer has to take it from there and train him accordingly," said Harley Waxer, 29, who with his partner Don Fishman, and employee Shim Liberman, operate the Kleinburg Equine Surgical Centre.

Claiming they comprise, along with another Jewish veterinarian, a majority in their field at the track, Waxer agreed he runs into no discrimination.

Sitting in a mobile laboratory shortly after developing x-rays of a horse's leg, the Willowdale father of two young girls and husband of Susan, 29, confided: "My future is a bit uncertain because of the physical aspect of handling horses." He explained, "it takes a little bit of muscle, a little bit of chutzpah" and consequently an equine veterinarian career is short. Meanwhile, however, he wishes to enjoy his work, with its outdoor nature, thrill of races and contact with the horses he loves.

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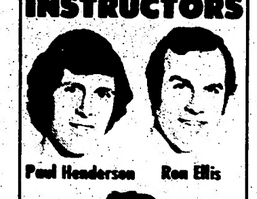

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Education needs

Correction

In last week's article by Mrs. Rucker, a typographical error resulted in the salary gap between secular and Hebrew studies teachers being given as two to $31,000. This of course, should have been $3,000.

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Secondly, according to Finkelstein, the fee structure is antiquated. Since the top income on the sliding scale is approximately $14,000 a year, someone making a relatively modest middle class income is charged as much as if he were a wealthy man. Worse, there is often no formal provision for families with several children.

The unrealistic tuition charges result in a stream of parents asking for reductions; during the 1971-72 school year, one school made deals with 85 per cent of its parents. Whether the other 15 per cent were too proud to ask or wealthy enough that they could have paid more, no one knows. And no one knows how many parents simply avoided the issue altogether and gave their children a less expensive form of Jewish education than they wanted to.

Finkelstein feels the system must be changed. "We think that every Jewish parent is entitled to give his child whatever Jewish education he wishes, provided he pays whatever fair share is assigned on the basis of costs and ability. We must give the parents back their dignity."

As one possible solution he sees a fee scale based on total family tuition charges, regardless of the type of school in which the child or children are enrolled. The fee scale would be tied to income before taxes, and would cover incomes well above the $50,000 per year level. Schools would charge all parents the full cost of educating the child, and the difference between the total tuition charge and the total assessment would be made up by the community.

The subsidy would be paid to the schools involved, not to the parents. There would be no individual deals between parents and schools. "We see a central agency doing it according to principles universally accepted throughout the community," Finkelstein explains.

He stresses this is merely a possible solution, and is quick to acknowledge the difficulties it presents. For example, there would have to be a universal base figure for the cost of educating a child in a day or evening school. If any individual school wished to provide a more expensive form of education involving experimental programs or very small classes, the community could not be expected to provide additional funds.

How to ensure that parents were declaring their income accurately is even more awkward. Finkelstein, a chartered accountant, believes that income before taxes is the fairest basis, but agrees there are inequities. Moreover, parents might have to be willing to permit scrutiny of their income tax returns -- an extremely sensitive issue.

Once all possible funds have been extracted from the parents, the question of which schools should receive community subsidies must be faced. Inherent in the hypothetical solution Finkelstein outlines, is the assumption more schools will be subsidized than at present.

For example, in looking at the total tuition bill a family receives, he includes bills from congregational evening schools as well as day schools. Most of these are presently unsubsidized, since they offer less than 10 hours a week of instruction. Whether this is a realistic basis for providing subsidization has been the subject of much debate among study committee members and groups presenting briefs, and any final recommendations are still a long way off.

Nevertheless, the task force on financing decided to include some congregational schools in the model they have developed to estimate costs and revenue. The reasons are both practical and philosophical.

If the committee decides to recommend support, they should know what it will cost. But there is also the question of fairness. In Finkelstein's opinion, "If it has merit, let's fund it to the extent that it has to be funded."

But neither the community nor the parents have unlimited resources. Is there any hope of receiving government subsidies, as in Quebec? Finkelstein is pessimistic.

"That is something over which we have no control. If we let that be the solution, we will have turned our back on the real problem," he says. Another possibility is the taxation of simchas such as bar mitzvahs and weddings, but the feasibility of such a levy is uncertain.

The need for ever-increasing funds raises an ugly spectre. Will money have to be taken from other causes? Should it be? And what if that cause is Israel? Donald Carr, co-chairman of the study committee, ackowledges the possibility of what he calls "an agonizing decision."

"The most ardent supporters of Israel are among the most ardent supporters of Jewish education and they are placed in a terrible moral dilemma."

Pointing out that one without the other is not worth much, Carr is reluctantly willing to think about the unthinkable: "Given that the community has exhausted every way of subsidizing Jewish education, the only answer is to request from our partners at the United Israel Appeal that Jewish education be given a bigger share of the overall contributions if that is what has to be done. It almost boils down to saying it is only Toronto that supports Toronto Jewish education."

Finkelstein, like many other study committee members, thinks this will not be necessary. "I think we have to take as an underlying principle the money will not be taken from Israel. Israel is the impetus to begin with. We have been looking at how to raise money without cutting back on funds to Israel."

Toronto already spends more per capita on education than any other Jewish community in North America. Most Toronto Jews are obviously committed to the ideal of a Jewish education for their children--or for the children of their fellow Jews.

The need for more funds is going to test their idealism to the limit in the next few years, and the study committee is more and more finding itself involved in learning about the nature and depth of that commitment.

It is something precious that must not be abused, underestimated or misinterpreted. What the committee is learning about the community, and what the community is learning about itself, will be examined in the next and final report in this series.

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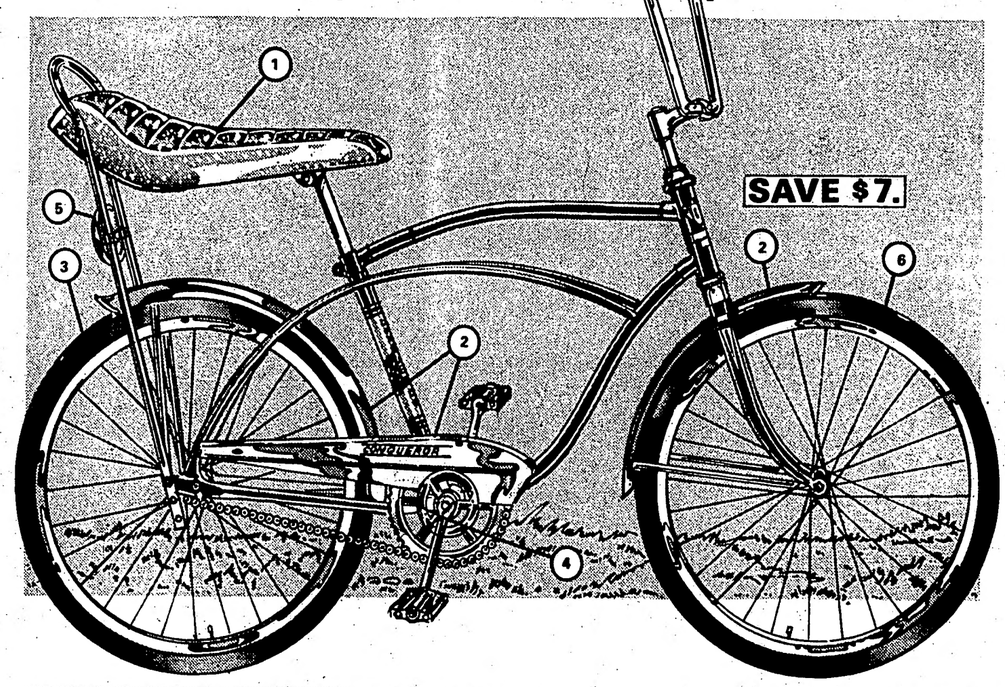

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Ida Kent (left), incoming chairman of the United Jewish Appeal's women's division, accepts citation from Helen Gross, 1973 UJA chairman, while newly-installed first and second vice-chairmen Joan Lipson and Beverley Gordon look on. Over $500,000 was raised by the women's division in 1973. (For story on luncheon see page 16.)

'We need three kinds of courage'

TORONTO-

In order to survive and to thrive as Jews in modern North American society, we need three kinds of courage, Dr. Norman Lamm told 325 guests at the annual dinner of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto.

We need the courage to be different, the distinguished Orthodox rabbi said. "In a permissive society, to carry the Torah means to decide not to conform when conditions call upon us to be different."

We also need the courage not to be indifferent, he continued, noting that we live in a "technopolis" where it is easy not to care about others.

Referring to the rabbinic judgment that a man owed restitution when he forgot what he had done with a treasure entrusted to him, Rabbi Lamm stated, "When we are confronted with the question 'What's going to happen to our children?' we cannot say 'I don't know.' "

Finally, we need the courage not to be diffident, not to give up hope. "There is nothing disgraceful about trying and failing. It is a disgrace to fail to try," he reminded the school officers, supporters, teachers and parents gathered in the Bathurst Street auditorium of the school.

Noting that well over 2,000 children were enrolled in the Associated Hebrew Schools last year, Dr. Lamm, who is rabbi of The Jewish Center in New York City and professor of philosophy at Yeshiva University, congratulated his audience. "You have the courage to be committed," he told them.

According to David Newman, a vice-president of the school and one long associated with it, one of the most committed is Jennie C. Snider, retiring principal of Associated's general studies department, who was honored at the dinner. Paraphrasing Jeremiah to describe Mrs. Snider's devotion to the school in its early difficult years, Newman told her, "We all remember the love of your youth when you followed us in the desert."

The affection and admiration Mrs. Snider inspired was reflected in the words of the plaque presented to her: "You came to us with a mature mind showing an immediate readiness to assume your task with vigor and courage of heart. It was your seriousness of intent and unwavering will that guided our School in complete integrity."

Others who spoke at the dinner included David Rotenberg, who brought greetings from the Welfare Fund, and Associated's President Samuel Shainhouse, who has just been re-elected for a second term.

Saying that he would rather be remembered for his brevity than for his report, Shainhouse referred the audience to the text printed in their programs and omitted the formal reading of the report. He received appreciative laughter and warm applause.

Those who did read the text learned that total enrollment is expected to jump approximately 2,400 students next year, and that plans are underway for a larger gymnasium and library at the Bathurst Street-Neptune Avenue site.

'Synagogue schools here to stay'

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO-

The congregational evening school is here to stay, according to the two dozen synagogue presidents, education committee chairmen and PTA presidents who met recently with the Study Committee on Jewish Education of the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

And because it serves a community need, the congregational school deserves community support, the committee was told. In return, the majority of the synagogue officials felt they would be willing to accept some direction from a central body like the Board of Jewish Education provided all groups were represented on it.

In addition, the committee learned about one projected area of co-operation among three synagogues, all Conservative, who are attempting to merge their evening high schools.

Most of the representatives were from Conservative synagogues. They pointed out that the majority of Jewish children do not attend day school. As one explained, "If we eliminate evening school, they will get no education at all. We have no other way but to carry on and give them what we can."

All congregational schools represented at the meeting agreed, not surprisingly, that the synagogue was the appropriate place for an evening school. They were supported by Julius Sokoloff, a member of the committee's task force on day schools, who pointed out that the synagogue was the traditional seat of education.

Since they provide a community service by subsidizing the education of some non-members' children from membership dues, congregational schools should get community funds, the committee was told.

The percentage of non-members' children varied from a high of 70 per cent of the enrollment at one synagogue to a low of 10 per cent, according to estimates given by synagogue officials, but the majority felt that the average was 50 per cent. Only one synagogue reported any difference in fees charged members and non-members.

David Newman, chairman of the study committee's task force on evening schools, pressed the synagogue officials to specify exactly how much control they would be willing to accept.

"How much sovereignty will congregations surrender? Do you really mean it when you say 'we need a strong central body?' " he asked.

In answer, there was general agreement that the Board of Jewish Education could and should evaluate teachers, provide a central hiring pool and enforce a uniform salary scale to stop one school from outbidding another for a good teacher (something schools presently affiliated with the Board are not supposed to be doing).

There was less unanimity regarding curriculum control. One official was strongly in favor, complaining that "everyone is making Shabbas for himself." Another insisted that "every congregation must decide what its priorities are."

Newman replied that there must be a "lowest common denominator" providing "a basic knowledge of the whole spectrum." Otherwise, he warned, a fragmented community could result, where one group would know nothing about another.

Religious affairs, chaplaincy merge

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Up to the present time Rabbi Joseph Kelman has been, in effect, the co-ordinator of chaplaincy services throughout the province and the study committee report pays tribute to him for his "yeomen-like" job. He has done this on a part-time basis.

The report states that the total chaplaincy program "is varied, scattered and highly complex" and that up to now has been relatively unsupervised, undefined and unplanned.

The report says that chaplaincy services have been provided "with a degree of adequacy" to the long term institutionalized in mental hospitals, nursing homes and correction institutions as well as those in short term care in jails and general hospitals. These groups average between 750 and 1,000 Jewish residents, patients or inmates.

Inadequate chaplaincy services are provided for those in private nursing homes and to the non-institutionalized aged -- a high percentage of whom require more accessible spiritual support. (A brief from the Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly emphasized the special importance of chaplaincy in enhancing the quality of Jewish life for the elderly. CSJE called for the integration of chaplaincy services with programs offered by agencies involved with non-institutionalized aged.)

The report notes that there is no emphasis on chaplaincy services at present to the non-affiliated living in the general community or in public housing projects.

There is minimal integration of chaplaincy services in treatment or personal support services for the institutionalized, or after discharge for helping with re-entry into and rehabilitation as productive members of communities.

The report points out also that the small communities in the central region of Ontario have no on-going consultative or supervisory chaplaincy service to turn to in meeting special personal, family or communal needs.

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Congregation Vice-President Bernard Dales told **The Canadian Jewish News** "it was a positive move" and fulfilled one of the planks of a New Board for a New Era slate which swept into office late last year.

The move was approved by the board of governors April 30 as an amendment to the constitution, but had to go before a general meeting for ratification. The amendment will in no way affect ritual at the synagogue.

According to information received by Dales from the United Synagogues of America, 81.5 per cent of Conservative synagogues in 1967 permit women on boards.

Under the Beth Tzedec amendment, women who are single, divorced and widowed will be allowed to become members. A man and wife each will be considered a member, will cast separate votes and can hold office.

Correction

In a story "Ex-co-ordinator sues JDL" in The CJN June 15, the amount of $5,706 are the debts of the organization. Hyman Engel served as co-ordinator from November, 1970, to August, 1971, not February, 1971. The claim against the defendant is "jointly and severally," not "or severally."

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The latter, introduced by the vessel this spring, adds an extra port of call to the itinerary at no additional cost. The stop can come at any time during the voyage and passengers are not informed of its whereabouts until just prior to arrival.

Other special features to be continued, according to Stafford, are the midnight international buffets, offering cuisine native to each port visited, and the program of Oscar-winning movie musicals.

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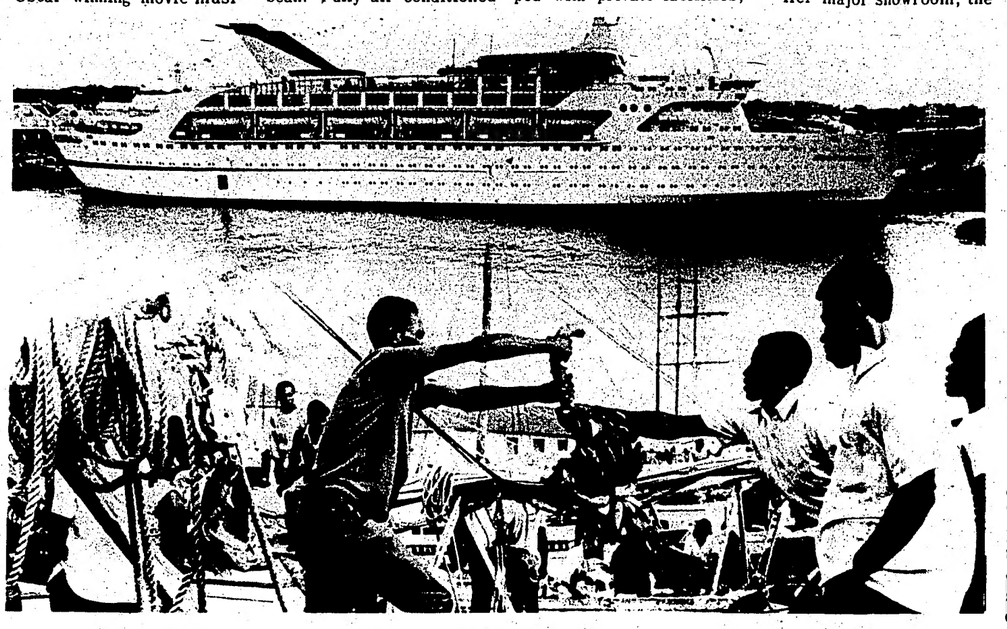

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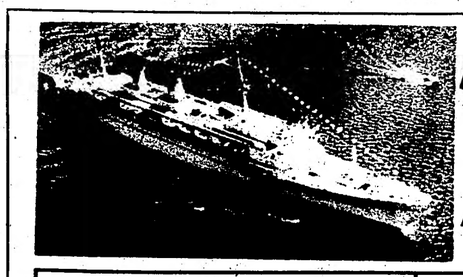

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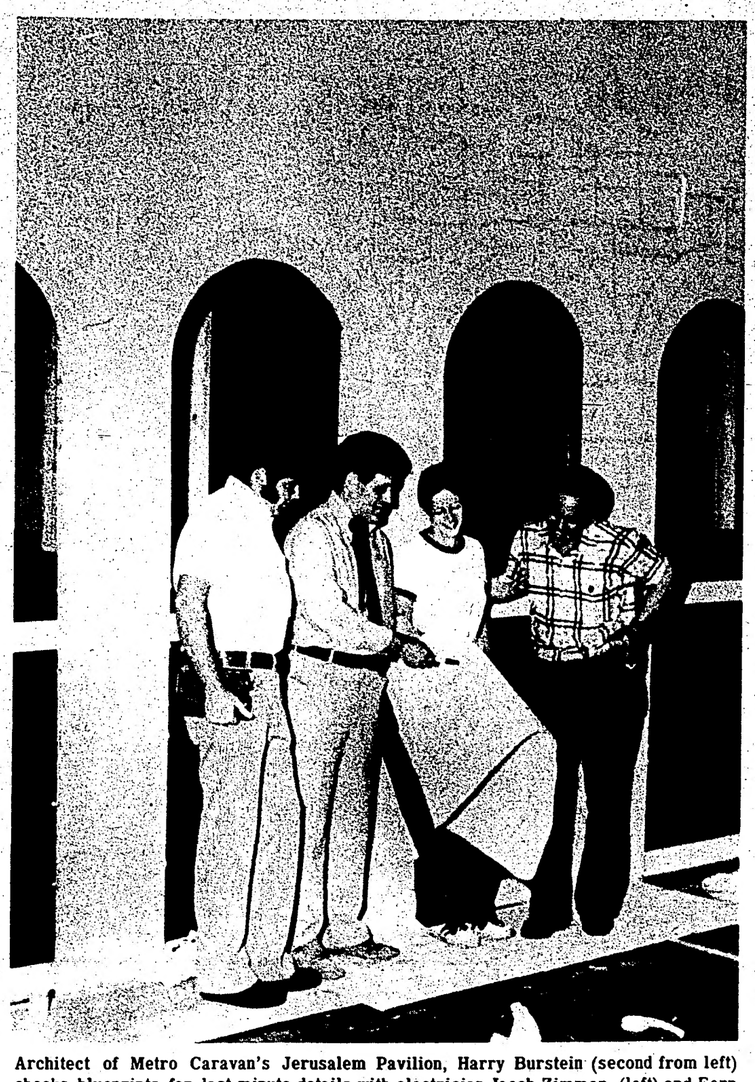

Architect of Metro Caravan's Jerusalem Pavilion, Harry Burstein (second from left) checks blueprints for last minute details with electrician Jacob Zimmer, (left) and Fern Singer, 19, chairman of Toronto's Young Judea, and Itzhak Ratzin, of Canadian Young Judea. Booths re-creating a marketplace are in the background.

Metro Caravan's Jerusalem

Y becomes pavilion

TORONTO–

A strong united community effort helped create Metro Caravan's Jerusalem Pavilion, which according to its chairman, Max Goody, "will bring honor to Israel on her 25th anniversary."

The auditorium, of the Bloor Street 'Y' has undergone a rapid transformation these last few weeks, and now houses a Jerusalem marketplace, the theme of the pavilion. An estimated 60,000 visitors will be entertained with music and dancing by over 17 performers, and can shop at their leisure from among the many Israeli clothes, artifacts and jewelry being sold in the pavilion's shopping mall.

The pavilion is one of the many projects undertaken by the Canadian Zionist Federation to honor Israel on her 25th birthday. "The response by individuals, organizations and commercial enterprises has been overwhelming," said Max Goody. The facilities, lumber, carpentry, electrical and architectural work were all donated.

Passports will be an admission requirement. The pavilion opens its doors Saturday night, June 23, at 10 p.m., closing midnight. Throughout the week, it will be open from 6:00 p.m. to midnight, Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to midnight and closed Fridays.

School offers special education to disabled youths

By ROCHELLE CARR

Jewish youths with learning difficulties are provided with an essential service through specialized education at the Ezra and Kadima schools. These schools, sponsored by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, are open to all students from Toronto.

Ezra services children with disabilities such as perceptual handicaps, emotional problems or slow learning. The students of Ezra School attend a regular public school class or an opportunity class. Their handicap prevents them temporarily or permanently from coping with the regular Hebrew School program.

In small bi-weekly classes Ezra students study Hebrew, Jewish history, and Hebrew songs through a program geared to their abilities.

A most satisfying part of the Ezra program has been the fact that most of the students have had bar mitzvahs take place on Saturday morning and have carried on in the same manner as any other student of a religious school.

A number of principals of congregational schools have referred students to Ezra when they find a particular student cannot cope with their regular course of Hebrew studies. The supervisor of Ezra co-operates with any teacher or educator in Metropolitan Toronto in this regard.

Any child who attends a public school class regardless of his or her learning handicap can benefit from the specialized curriculum and low student-teacher ratio at this school.

In 1961, two years before the Ezra School started, the Kadima School began. It offers Jewish children and teenagers, who are mentally retarded, an opportunity to study in an accredited Hebrew school. By virtue of the fact they use the synagogue's regular facilities, such as the chapel for their Sunday classes, these students are afforded the feeling that they are part of the general Jewish community, at least in the important area of religious education.

Kadima School has given their parents a feeling that the mentally-retarded can participate in Jewish life. It has enabled many of these students to have a bar or bat mitzvah. In the beginning there was a mass bar and bat mitzvah, but since that time individual Kadima students have celebrated bar and bat mitzvah on Saturday night or at other times when the Torah is read.

The program of learning in the Kadima School is similar in many ways to a religious Sunday school program. There is more emphasis on visual aids, arts and crafts, and singing. Every Jewish holiday is covered thoroughly so that the students have the means of identifying with them and celebrating them at home. There are also monthly outings provided in co-operation with Upper Canada Lodge, B'nai B'rith.

Students are welcome to begin the Kadima School program from the age of seven. Prior to entering the school, a private confidential interview is arranged with the supervisor. There is no charge for Kadima students.

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A rock-strewn coast spotted with bold headlands and smooth curves of sandy beaches, stretch endlessly in both directions, while behind tower the often snow-capped Sierra Nevadas.

The inimitable charm of this region, however, lies in the Andalusian people and their natural way of life which makes the Costa del Sol a memorable holiday resort.

The Phoenicians founded Malaga in the 12th century B.C.E. and they were followed successively by the Greeks, the Romans and the Arabs who brought their culture and their customs here in the 17th century A.D. The result, which is evident even today in the folklore of the people and in the architectural richness of the surroundings, has been a unique blending of these ancient civilizations.

Throughout this culturally-rich setting one of the Mediterranean's most fashionable holiday resorts has been developed. Modern, luxurious hotels cluster around favored beaches and attractive coves, creating havens of relaxation and holiday enjoyment in what were, but a few years ago, secluded villages. Yet in spite of the rise of large hotels and holiday playgrounds, the traditional life of the villages goes on unconcerned, providing contrast and irresistible charm.

First of these villages to reach fame in the tourist world was Torremolinos, no more than a dozen kilometres from Malaga. Now Benalmadena, Fuengirola and Marbella have joined in the development of the Costa del Sol.

Further inland, up a spectacular, winding road over the Sierra de las Nieves, lies Ronda, noted for its steep little cobblestoned streets and ancient white-washed houses perched precariously on the brink of deep, wooded cliffs.

Hoffman heads list of Maccabiah athletes

TORONTO–

Veteran international track star Abby Hoffman heads the list of Toronto athletes selected to represent Canada at the ninth Maccabiah Games in Israel, July 9 to 19.

The Canadian team will be led by Fred Oberlander of Montreal and Alex Fisher of Toronto with MLA Philip Givens as chef de mission. The team will leave for Israel July 4.

Other Toronto athletes going to the games are: athletics--Max Gould; basketball--Alf Lane, Sol Glober, Jeff Simbrow, Hersh Cohen and Earl Cohen; judo--Morris Ostriewicki; swimming --Greg Vanular; table tennis--Peter Gonda and Stephen Feldstein; volleyball--Leon Frie Dman, Marty Herson, George Obershowski, Simon Schreiber, George Sherman and Arnie Ross; tennis -- Mike Zimmerman and Pam Gollish; weightlifting -- Nathan Mudrick and Morton Stolzman; wrestling --Len Gane; and golf--Neil Mednick and Paul Kates (Sault Ste. Marie).

A. E. Diamond

Diamond named

TORONTO–

Allan Bronfman, national president of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, this week announced that A.E.(Eph) Diamond has accepted the invitation to head the Toronto Chapter for the coming term.

Diamond, a past president of Temple Sinai, is on the Boards of the New Mount Sinai Hospital, York-Finch General Hospital and YMHA, is also active in the Israel Bond campaign.

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Arts

Scores opening night success

Theatre cools heat with first-rate acting

By JENIVA BERGER

I have this test worked out for un-air conditioned theatres. On a sweltering summer night, if you can forget about your pores, you must be enjoying the show. It's nice to report that the new Second City company has passed the test admirably, and even if the new theatre's cooling system has yet to work out the kinks, the actors certainly have.

Tippecanoe and Deja Vue, the name of the show or masthead for the sketches, whichever you prefer, does its mother company in Chicago and Canadian investor Sam Shopsowitz proud. It's a well balanced collection of probably the most adaptable material borrowed from the Windy City's Piper Alley group, and being their director Bernard Sahlins is also ours, matters seem well in hand.

In an effort to bring at least some of the humor back home, several of the skits strain for a touch of Canadiana, but that gesture was to be expected. It will be a while before home brewed improvisations become the mainstay. Sahlins, wisely, is breaking in this company slowly and the sketches are still set 'book' ones for the regular performances. During the week and on weekends, late shows will give the actors a chance to work out improvisations of their own with the audience, which is, of course, what Second City is all about.

Time will tell whether this enormously talented band of actors can function as well with situations drawn from their own imaginations, but from the opening night response, I'll bank on it.

Two of the company are Chicago Second City imports: Brian Doyle Murray and Joseph O'Flaherty, and their expertise is only a notch higher than the five Canadians. Jayne Eastwood, Gilda Radner, and Gerry Salsberg have all recently come up from **Godspell**'s ranks, Dan Ackroyd hails from Cafe Andre in Montrael, and Valri Bromfield has been dipping in and out of Toronto underground theatre productions for the last year with little opportunity to develop her potential as a first rank comedienne. She gets it here, shining especially in one skit about a housewife who may or may not be schizoid, visited by an encyclopedia salesman who may or may not be a doctor, and so on. Zany? Well, it's that kind of convoluted humor that keeps Second City, with so many impersonators around, at the top of the heap.

Funny as the routines are, there are some which seem to be a little overripe; the old biblical take-off in soap opera style, for instance, the spoof of the forgettable 1950s which **Grease** has already overdone to perfection. There was Alistair Cookie introducing a musical parody of **Hamlet** and a hospital sequence in which a garrulous nurse nun loudly expostulates on the sins of VD to a squirming young man.

My favorite happened to be a Catholic wake scene in which a sobbing widow keeps explaining to a hoard of visitors how her husband died ("He got his head caught in a can of Van Camp beans.") They can't keep a straight face, naturally. But be honest, could you?

Second City, in my book, is at its peak when it connects to this kind of lifeline: irreverent, ironical, satirical, and above all identifiable. Beneath all that disguised discipline, you see, it has to zero in on quirks we all know and live with and be capable of turning off the funny faucet at the right time.

A hearty welcome to the new company, and may it be around for a long, long time!

Canadian Jayne Eastwood breaks up the antics of American Brian Doyle-Murray during a performance of the Second City company in Toronto. Critic Jeniva Berger bids a hearty welcome to the new company, which is being financed by Sam Shopsowitz.

Poetic 'illerates' missing boat of pleasure, intellect

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

THE DANCE IS ONE by F. R. Scott, McClelland & Stewart Ltd. $5.95
DRIVING HOME by Miriam Waddington, Oxford University Press. $2.95 paperback

Canadians who just "can't" read poetry are missing a great deal of pleasure and intellectual excitement as these slender volumes amply attest.

In his 74th year, F. R. Scott, who served at various times as chairman of the CCF Party, dean of the McGill law faculty and United Nations representative in Burma, is still finding targets for his wit, scorn and cold rage.

The Dance is One, his eighth volume of verse, includes an unpublished long narrative poem about a trip down the MacKenzie River, translations from modern French poetry, as well as poems which have appeared from time to time in various periodicals.

As always, his style is incisive and conversational --even colloquial in its directness. Making use of his gifts of an informed mind and civilized heart, he jabs away at injustice and folly.

On the 26th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, the Bell Telephone Co., which replayed the official films on TV, couldn't resist lengthy commercials. Scott scolds: "Never in the whole history/ of the mass media/ Has so much had to be borne/ by so many/ for so few." A poem entitled **News Report** tells of a note in a Quebec newspaper of an unemployed woman and her child who had been found drowned. The poet wryly comments: "The report stated, however,/ that she had been/ 'under psychiatric care'/ so no one felt any personal responsibility." Watching a bull fight in Pamplona in July, 1969, Scott regarded the matador, "master of blood and sand," as "the perfect image of the perpetual Franco." The poem ends satirically: "Elsewhere, that month, man reached the moon."

Miriam Waddington, one-time social worker and now assistant professor of English at York University, has been writing for more than 30 years. **Driving Home** brings together selected verse from her six previously published works--as well as a group of new poems.

Although she suggests that "the blood of my ancestors/ has died in me/ I have forsaken the steppes/ of Russia for the prairies of Winnipeg," she is deeply Jewish in her laments and affirmations. In **Song: Elijah** she envisages the prophet in Warsaw sifting mounds of rubble, counting his dead children. His beaker is full. He "sits in Poland and sips his own heartbreak."

In **My Travels** she discovers many things: documents in a Jerusalem museum from an heroic age in Jewish history, the knowledge that in Warsaw the stones of the ghetto still whisper at night, and that Germans in Hamburg and Kiel still hate Jews. At last: "I am homesick/ I am packing up/ I am going home/ but now I don't/ know anymore/ where home is."

Driving Home is an impressive and deeply felt statement by an artist seeking assurance and anchorage as a creative personality, woman and Canadian in a society where such forms of identity are increasingly elusive.

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Lubavitcher spirit fails to kindle at song festival

music review

By RICK KARDONNE

"We shall not cool Judaism; we shall warm it up."

So said Professor Velvel Green, a Chassid and prominent space bacteriologist, in an address that opened the second half of the second Lubavitcher Chassidic Song Festival at Toronto's Massey Hall on June 12. Jews of all ages packed the hall, eager to share in the soulful fervor and neshamah of Lubavitch.

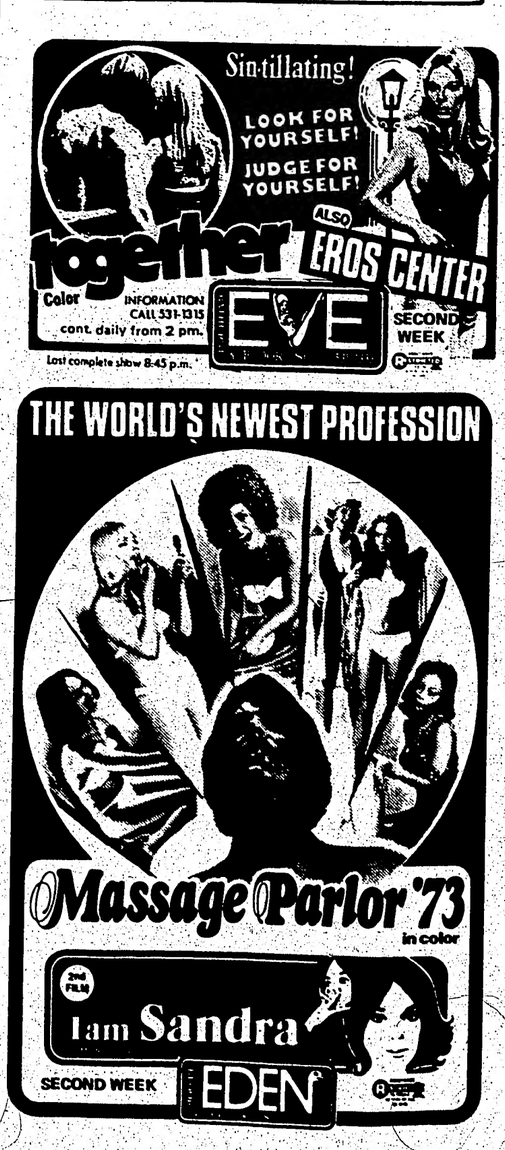
Sparks of this warmth did glow with the special guest appearance of three Soviet Jewish emigre solo performers: Grisha Tsatskis with his caustic and deliciously cheeky songs of defiance from the Russian Jewish underground (including one number, roughly translated as "Just to spite all our enemies" that literally tells the Soviet regime to go to hell, a song that drew loud cheers), the subtly effective vibrato baritone of Avrom Pressman, singing with a classic Chassidic kvetch but totally free of schmaltz; and the beautifully lyrical violin of Joseph Braun who performed Chassidic melodies that had an Hungarian imprint.

But the rest of the program, sad to say, resembled more a demonstration-lecture than a festival. The stilted pattern of an introductory speech between each musical number gave the entire concert a strained, formal atmosphere which is unbecoming of the earthy informality Chassidism is meant to convey. The only relevant speech was that of Professor Greene; all of the others should have been omitted.

The male choir, consisting of an adult segment and a boychoir, was obviously under-rehearsed; the men being too subdued (out of lack of confidence) and the boys screeching instead of singing. Much of the blame for the poor musical quality fell on the shoulders of the conductor, Rabbi Eli Lipskar. His egocentric performance on stage failed to hide his basic lack of co-ordination with the 12-piece Bill Berle band; this flaw persisted throughout the evening. I don't understand why Rabbi Lipskar felt that with such a large band, it was still necessary for him to star as solo accordion virtuoso while simultaneously conducting the choir, because when this happened, as it did several times, all semblance of co-ordination between band, choir and accordion collapsed.

Certain minor factors also conspired to detract from the spirit of the evening: the first half of the concert being constantly interrupted by the buzz of latecomers being seated; the refusal of the ushers to close the door let in occasional street noises; and the 85-degree heat not helping matters much. However, these side annoyances would have been forgotten if the "bread-and-butter" of the program--the choir and the band--as well as the general format--had been much more polished and spirited.

If I sound unduly harsh, it is because I have too much faith in the potential of the Lubavitch movement as a vehicle for mass Jewish religious revival to wish to see its image dampened by such an anemic affair. The format of the wonderfully vibrant annual Israel Chassidic Song Festival (which is a major event there, starring top singers, choirs and ensembles) should be the sole model on which to hold future Lubavitch Chassidic Song Festivals in Toronto or anywhere else in the Diaspora.



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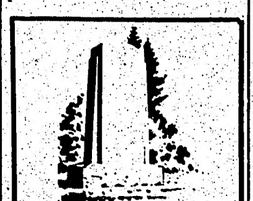

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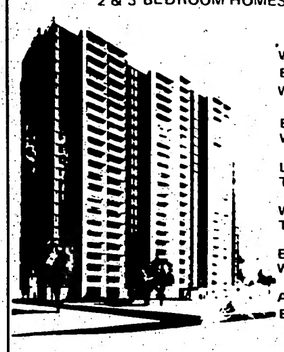

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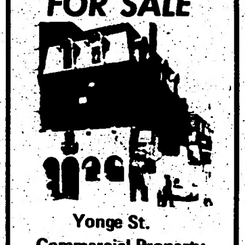

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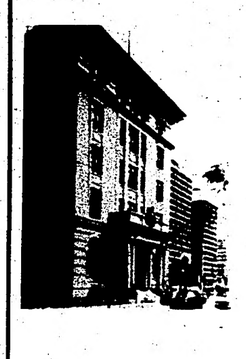

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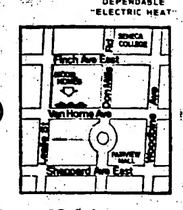

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In summing up the 1973 women's campaign at the closing meeting and installation at Holy Blossom Temple, Mrs. Gross cited several successful innovations initiated during the year. "Despite some trepidations," she said, "we raised the minimum gift to $50 for UJA Day and had the most successful day ever with more than 600 women packing Shaarei Shomayim" to hear Chaim Potok, popular Jewish author.

To help spread the UJA story to a broader segment of women in Toronto's Jewish community, for the first time an area meeting was held in which residents were invited to learn of the role of UJA in the local scene and in Israel. More are planned for next year.

In the canvasser education field, Mildred Grossman of Detroit spoke at meetings attended by 225 women, but Mrs. Gross said that after careful evaluation, it was decided that local UJA women will act as resource people at a series of small meetings, separate for each division. Mrs. Gross also announced that the large northeast sector of the city has been divided into two divisions for more comprehensive coverage.

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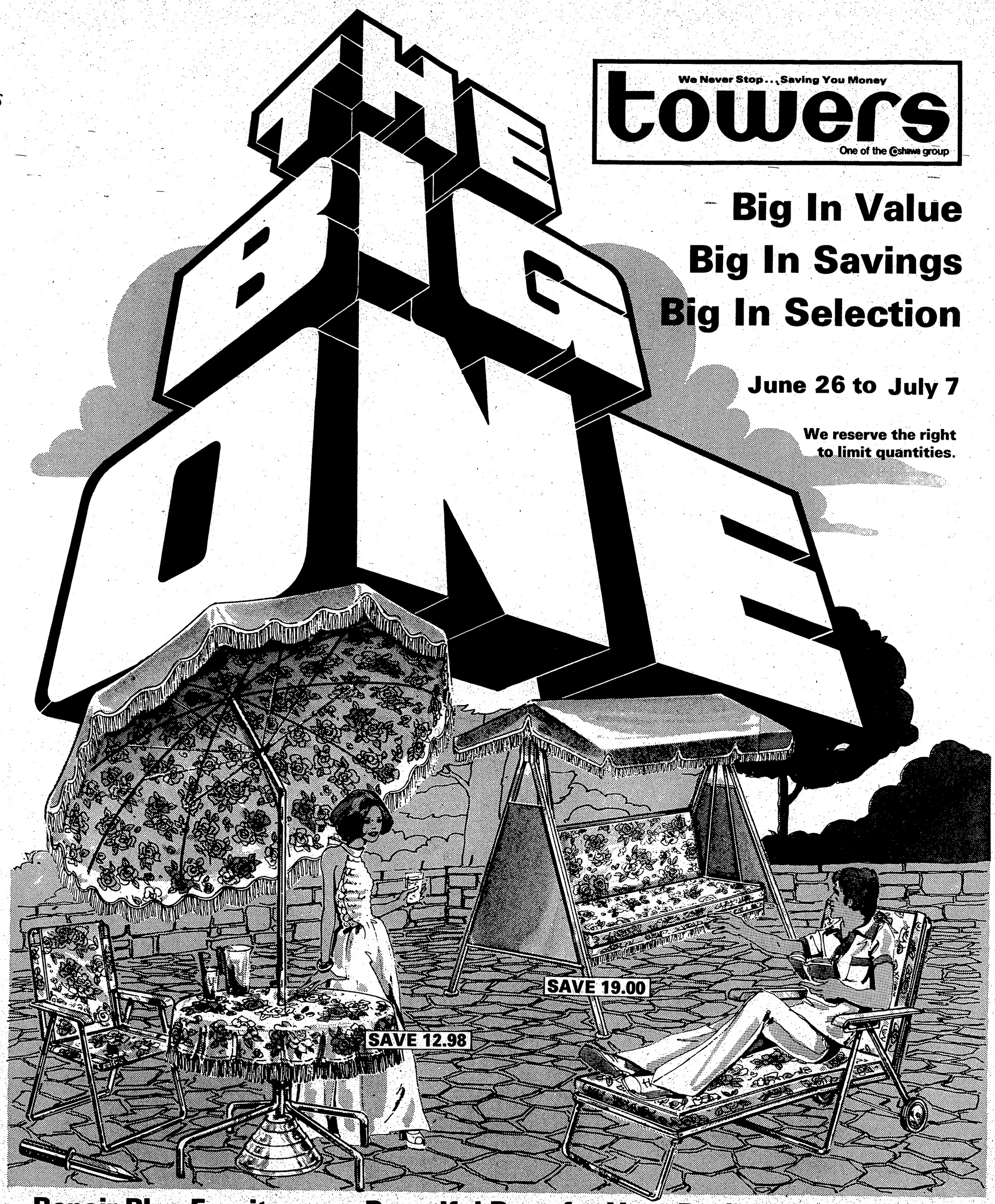

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